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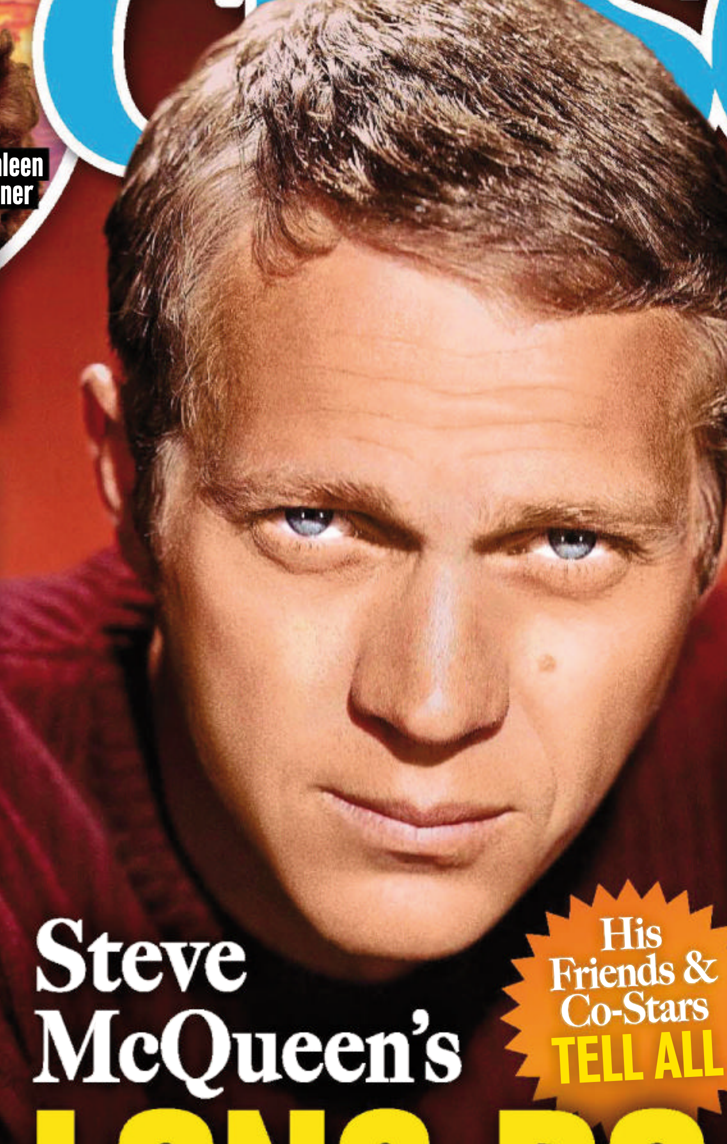

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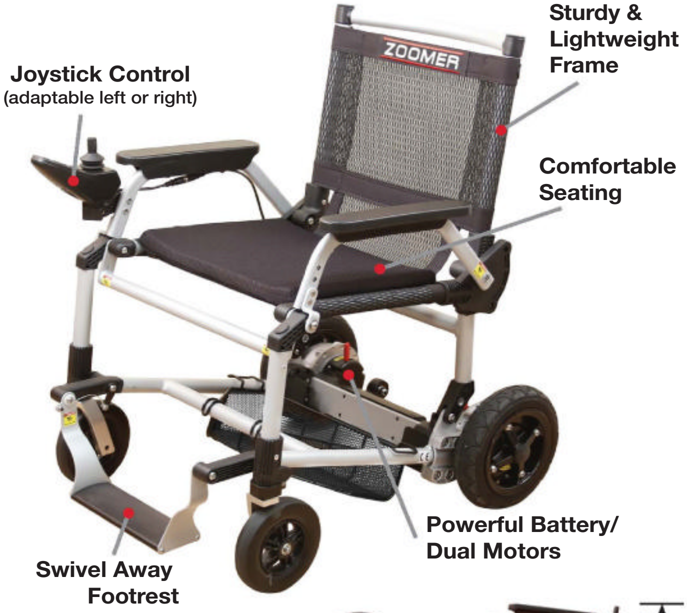
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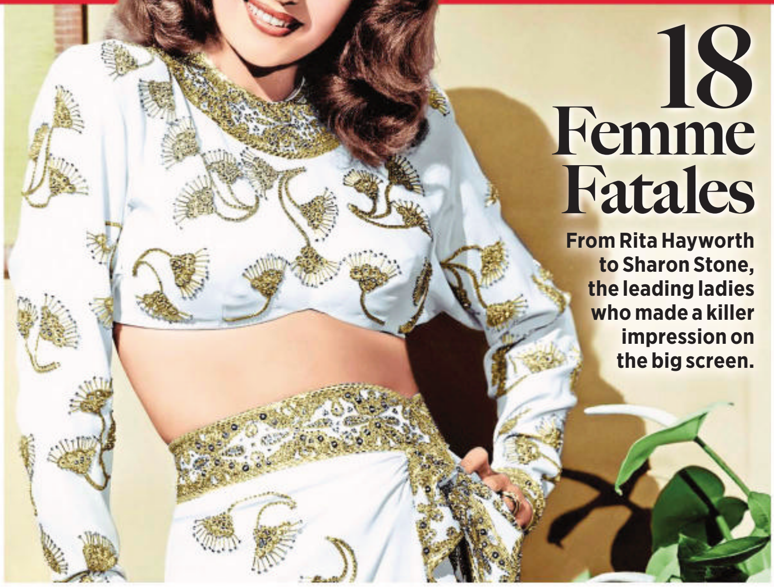

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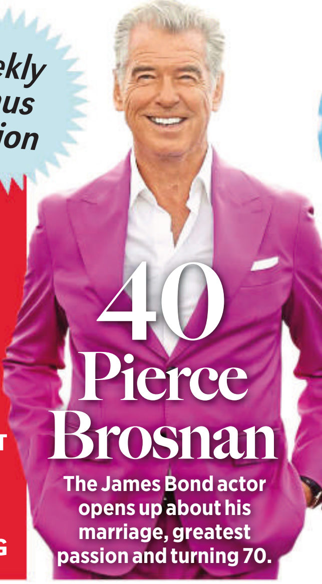

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> "You have got to discover you, what you do, and trust it."
>
> —*Barbra Streisand*

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> "Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's almost never for them."
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> —*Norm MacDonald*

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THE BIG PICTURE

HOT TAKE

"He had my number so fast, it was terrifying," Carole Lombard confessed of Clark Gable, whom she visited on the set of 1938's *Too Hot to Handle* shortly before they were married. "He told me what I was — a screwy, neurotic, miserable fool — and he was right. I've never been anything else…I just fooled people. But I couldn't fool him, and I knew it."

NEWS NOW

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> “No one wants their marriage to end, and it did.”
>
> —*Kevin Costner*

The couple have three kids: Grace, 12, Hayes, 14, and Cayden, 15. Kevin also has four children from previous relationships.

Despite rumors, *Yellowstone*’s network is “very confident” that Kevin will be back for the second half of Season 5.

KEVIN AND CHRISTINE COSTNER

DIVORCE SHOCKER

Yellowstone star Kevin Costner says that “circumstances beyond his control” are responsible for his split from Christine Baumgartner, his wife of 18 years. “Christine hasn’t been happy for a while,” says an insider. “She loves Kevin, but they wanted different things.” The divorce, which Christine filed for on May 2, comes when Kevin is riding high on his hit series *Yellowstone* and prepping a new western film, *Horizon*. He’s estimated to be worth $250 million. “The buzz going around is that Kevin’s workload affected his home life,” says the insider, who adds that there has been no talk of infidelity. Court papers indicate that the couple, who wed in 2004 after dating for six years, have a prenup, but Christine is keeping her options open. “If she doesn’t get what she wants, it could get very contentious,” says the insider.

When Kevin and first wife Cindy Silva ended their marriage in 1994 after 16 years, it cost him $80 million. “My faith was shaken,” he said. “You are going to see the people you love most, your children, only half as much. That’s a huge loss.”

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PADMA LAKSHMI

People Person

"Honestly? One of the best nights of my life!" While she was quite okay about being honored as one of the 100 most influential people of 2023 at a NYC gala on April 26, the activist, author and host of *Top Chef* savored being seated at a table with the likes of actresses Ali Wong and Amy Poehler even more. "It was an embarrassment of female riches."

LO MÁXIMO
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LILY TOMLIN & JANE FONDA

Share a Smile

If it looks like Lily was happy to be in LA to co-host the Lo Maximo Awards on April 29, the credit may have to go to her longtime friend Jane. "She's just sort of dear and like a young girl with such ideas and ambitions, for the planet, for life," said Lily. "And that always made me smile."

Film at Lincoln Center
48TH CHAPLIN AWARD GALA

VIOLA DAVIS

Circle of Friends

With fellow Oscar-winning pals Meryl Streep and Jessica Chastain on hand to pay tribute, Viola was thrilled to be feted at the 48th annual Chaplin Awards in NYC — the city where she got her start. "I feel like my life has come full circle. I feel like God listened to my prayers when I was a young kid. I just wanted to be somebody… I am like, 'I won the lottery.'"

THE CAST OF *TED LASSO*

Calling Cards

On April 28, stars Jason Sudeikis, Hannah Waddingham and Brendan Hunt were in a cheery mood to promote their Emmy-winning series… even though it's *Ted Lasso*'s final season. For Jason, that's easy to explain. "There was just this feeling, like a call to arms, to take whatever we made here [and] to bring that to wherever any of us go next."

PICTURE PERFECT

GABRIELLE UNION

Hair's the Deal

To promote her hair-care line Flawless, Gabrielle didn't curl her lip at the opportunity to offer an ode to Black beauty salons: "It's where we can be vulnerable without judgment… and escape the stressors of life."

KATHERINE HEIGL & SARAH CHALKE

Memory Lane

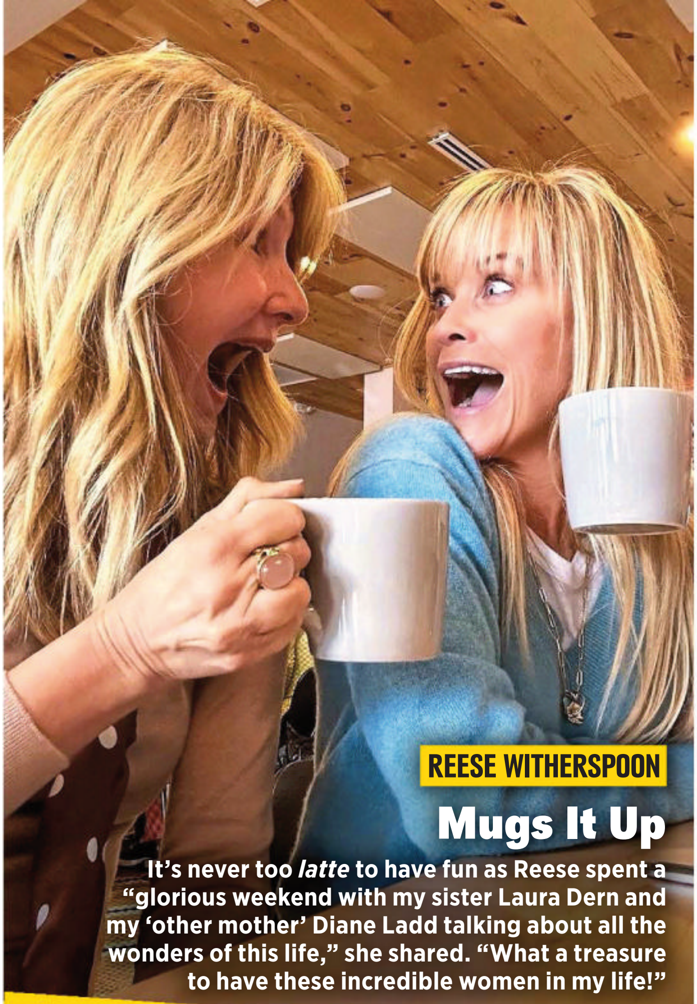
Before their time on TV's *Firefly Lane* came to a close, Sarah had to hand it to her co-star for making their time together special. "We hit it off and I really liked her," she shared. "Katherine's incredibly talented but also kind and loves to laugh. We laughed every day. She will be a friend for life."

What's really funny? Drew is best friends with Jimmy's wife, Nancy!

JIMMY FALLON & DREW BARRYMORE

Funny Face

During her recent visit to *The Tonight Show*, Drew braced for another installment of Jimmy's teen-drama spoof, "Ew!" She also got Jimmy to open up about what he loves most about hosting his show. "I think it's making the audience laugh," he said. "That's the best. Seeing their faces. It feels good to see someone laughing."



REESE WITHERSPOON

Mugs It Up

It's never too *latte* to have fun as Reese spent a "glorious weekend with my sister Laura Dern and my 'other mother' Diane Ladd talking about all the wonders of this life," she shared. "What a treasure to have these incredible women in my life!"

KYRA SEDGWICK

Sweet and Low

With the help of her "longtime, loyal friend Ice Cream Cone," Kyra was out to lick the "Sunday saddies." And what exactly are they? "Just not feeling that great about yourself. Wasn't the best weekend that you kinda thought it would be. This is what I call the 'Sunday saddies.'"

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TROTTERS

There was hoop and holler when Tamron showed a scoring touch.

TAMRON HALL

Hot to Trot

Tamron had a ball when all five female members of the Harlem Globetrotters visited her talk show on April 24 — especially when the Trotters assisted her with sinking a basket. Said Tamron, "It becomes a learning experience because you still got to take your shot even if you don't feel confident."

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Collagen is a protein found in the body that helps to maintain healthy skin, hair, nails, and joints. As we age, our bodies produce less collagen, which can lead to wrinkles, sagging skin, and joint pain. This is where collagen peptides come in. By supplementing with collagen, we can boost our body's natural collagen production and potentially improve our health in a number of ways.

One of the most significant advantages of using collagen peptides is improved skin health. Studies have shown that taking collagen supplements can help to reduce the appearance of wrinkles, increase skin hydration, and improve skin elasticity. This is because collagen plays a vital role in maintaining the structure and elasticity of the skin. By increasing collagen production, we may be able to achieve a more youthful, glowing complexion.

And here's where Amish Naturals Collagen Peptides differs from other Collagen peptides on the market today… You see Amish Naturals Collagen Peptides contain Biotin, which "amps" up the effectiveness of collagen.

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When biotin is combined with collagen powder, it can enhance the effectiveness of the collagen supplement. Biotin can improve the body's ability to produce collagen, leading to stronger, healthier connective tissues. This can result in benefits such as improved skin elasticity, stronger nails, and healthier hair.

Scott Adams, a product manager behind Amish Naturals Collagen had this to say about biotin, "Collagen on its own is a very helpful skincare product BUT adding biotin to the mix takes collagen to a whole new level!"

In addition, biotin has also been shown to improve the absorption of collagen supplements in the body. By improving the body's ability to absorb collagen, biotin can help ensure that the collagen powder is properly utilized by the body to promote healthy connective tissues.

Overall, adding biotin to collagen peptides can help maximize the benefits of the supplement and improve its effectiveness in promoting healthy skin, hair, and nails.

In addition to the biotin, Amish Naturals Collagen Peptides offers 18 grams of protein per servicing and is sourced by grass-fed bovine. The product is made and packaged in a FDA approved US facility and it is gluten free!

Scott Adams adds, "Our Amish Naturals Collagen Peptides has been flying off the shelves! We've been thrilled with the feedback we've been receiving from satisfied customers. And this product is helping those from their 40's through their 80's."

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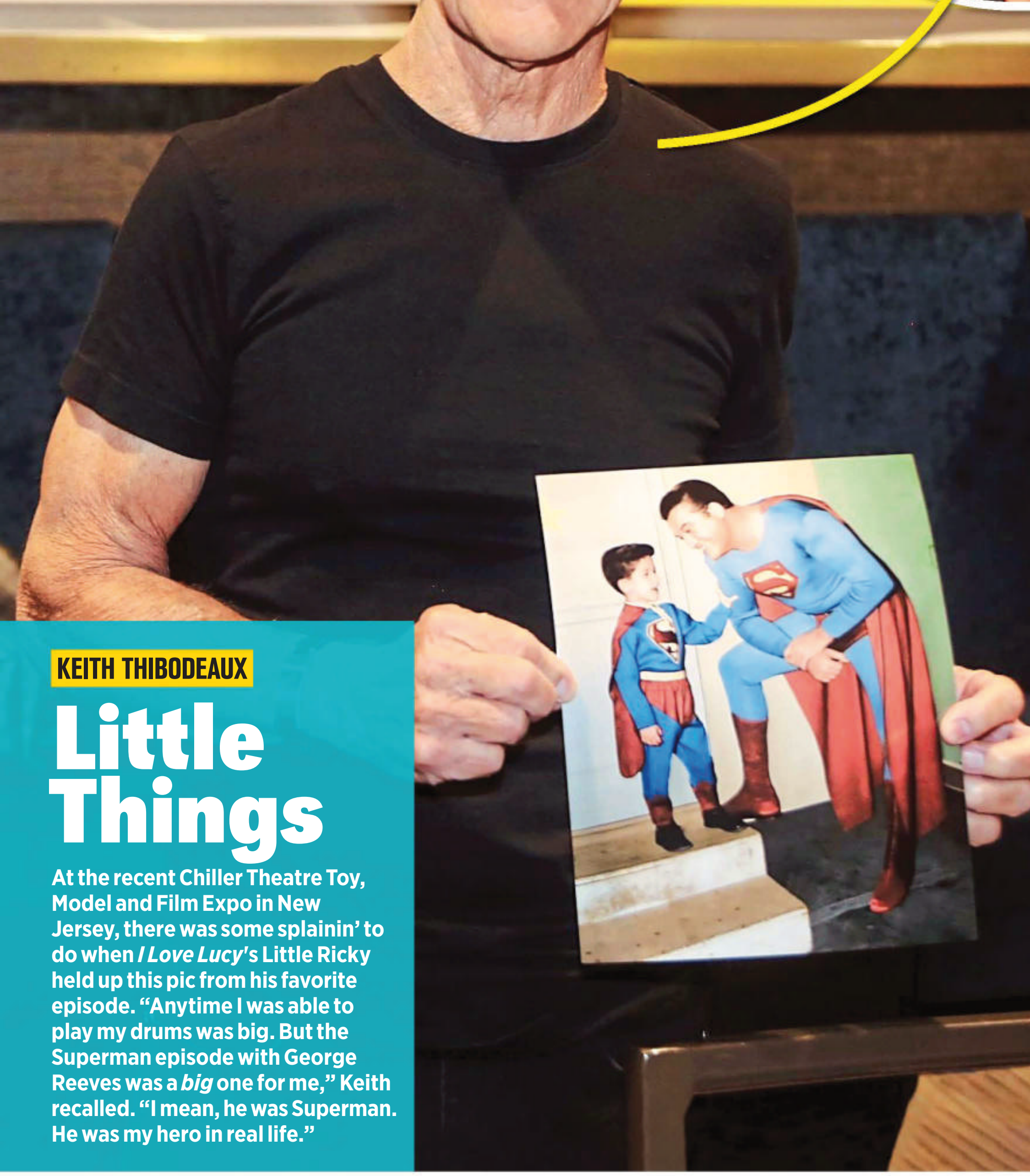
Keith appeared in 23 episodes of *I Love Lucy*.



KEITH THIBODEAUX

Little Things

At the recent Chiller Theatre Toy, Model and Film Expo in New Jersey, there was some splainin' to do when *I Love Lucy*'s Little Ricky held up this pic from his favorite episode. "Anytime I was able to play my drums was big. But the Superman episode with George Reeves was a *big* one for me," Keith recalled. "I mean, he was Superman. He was my hero in real life."

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MARISKA HARGITAY

Guest of Honor

At LA's Colleagues Spring Luncheon and Oscar de la Renta Fashion Show, the *SVU* star couldn't skirt a little attention from pals Ali Wentworth and Debra Messing on her way to accept the Champion for Children Award. "I honor her every day," said Ali. "But it's nice to be here. I like to be present when she's awarded for so much that she does when she's not Olivia Benson. Which is a lot."

SUSAN LUCCI

In Full Bloom

Whether or not she's taking a "tip toe through the tulips," this soap icon is someone who knows how to stop and smell the flowers. "I've always been a very grateful person…I'm going to look for every way to enjoy this precious gift of life that I have."

Tanya Tucker
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TANYA TUCKER

Sound Shape

"Happy Record Store Day!" With her pup Stella, Tanya hit Grimey's New and Preloved Music & Books in Nashville on April 22 to check out an homage to *her* new record, *Sweet Western Sound* — the country star's 26th solo studio album! "People ask me, 'How do you think you lasted so long?'" she says. "I won't go away, so you'll just have to put up with me."

> “School wasn’t a big thing for me…the only education I had was in survival.”
>
> *—Steve McQueen*

STEVE McQUEEN

His Long Road to STARDOM

HE OVERCAME A TERRIBLE CHILDHOOD AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE IMPULSES TO BECOME THE KING OF COOL

By LOUISE A. BARILE

In 1972, police in Anchorage, Alaska, arrested Steve McQueen for speeding and doing doughnuts in a rented Oldsmobile Toronado. "He really raised hell for quite a while," said witness Lynn Burlingame. "When they did finally get him stopped, they administered a field sobriety test and he somersaulted down the white line." His mug shot shows a disheveled Steve smirking and flashing the peace sign.

In his younger years, the actor had known plenty of real trouble, so he shrugged off his Alaskan misadventure as a lark. And he had a point. Predictably, the world's biggest movie star was released on bail that night. Steve fled the state and was eventually convicted in absentia of reckless driving.

For a generation of movie lovers in the '60s and '70s, Steve was the King of Cool who made a career out of playing nonconformist underdogs who became heroes by unexpectedly rising to the occasion. These portrayals came from an honest place. The odds were also stacked against Terrence Stephen McQueen when he was born to a 20-year-old single mother in Beech Grove, Ind., in 1930, yet he succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. "When I did *The Great Escape,* I kept thinking, if they were making a movie of my life, that's what they'd call it — the great escape," he confessed in 1963.

Before Steve's first birthday, his father, a reservist in the Marines, left Steve's mother, Julia Ann. She handed off the baby to her parents, but when the Great Depression sapped their resources, Steve was sent to live with his great uncle Claude, a prosperous hog farmer. "When I'd get lazy and duck my chores, Claude would warm my backside with a hickory switch. I learned a simple fact: You work hard for what you get," said Steve. "He was a good man."

EXTRA BAGGAGE

Little Steve would probably have been happy growing up on the farm, but Julia Ann sent for her son whenever she settled down. Unfortunately, she was never able to give him a stable, happy home. "His mother's promises always turned out to be empty," Marshall Terrill, author of *Steve McQueen: The Life and Legend of a Hollywood Icon* and *Steve McQueen: In His Own Words,* tells *Closer.* "He was forced to endure a succession of Julia Ann's boyfriends and lovers. They ranged the full spectrum from completely apathetic toward Steve to simply abusive."

Hal Berri, his mother's first husband, was one of the worst. Steve went to live with them in LA when he was 7. "He apparently beat me for the sheer sadistic pleasure it gave him," Steve recalled. "I was young. I even thought of bearing the beatings, vowing simply to hold on until I was old enough to run away. But I just couldn't. It wasn't in me. I just started fighting back." His attempts to return Berri's violence resulted in harsh punishments. "He claimed that Berri tossed him into a dark room without food or water for hours," says Terrill.

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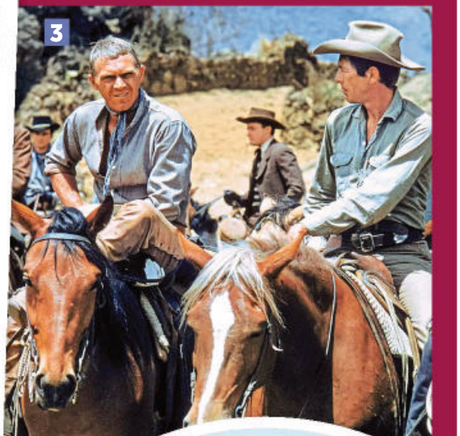

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A RARE LIFE

1. “The Marines made a man out of me,” said Steve, who served from 1947 until 1950.

2. Steve posed for a snap with first wife Neile Adams and his mother, Julia Ann.

3. ***The Magnificent Seven*** became a hit in 1960 while he was also starring on TV’s ***Wanted: Dead or Alive***.

4. ***The Great Escape*** made Steve a true movie star in 1963. Although he had a stuntman, he insisted on doing his own driving.

5. “There were wonderful days and dreadful days,” said Ali MacGraw, who was wed to him from 1973 to 1978. “I wish we had both grown old sober.”

6. “He had that mysterious smouldering thing,” confides Jacqueline Bisset, his co-star in 1968’s ***Bullitt***. “[But] he wasn’t puffed up and didn’t show off.”

To avoid going home, Steve wandered the city and started getting into trouble for petty theft and mischief. “He would live on the street for weeks at a time,” says Terrill. “He found an outlet for all of his frustrations and hostilities by stealing cars, shooting pool and thumbing his nose at law enforcement.”

After several scrapes with the law, Julia Ann remanded her 14-year-old son to Boys Republic, a California reform school, in 1945. “It’s probably the best thing that ever happened to me. They straightened me out,” admitted Steve, who lived there for a year.

A FRESH START

At 17, Steve enlisted in the Marines. Though his individualism got him in trouble — he spent time in the brig for going AWOL — service taught him discipline and opened a new path. He moved to New York in the early 1950s and began studying acting at the suggestion of a girlfriend. “I started going to night school on the GI thing, working days as a bartender,” he said.

Steve spoke his first line of dialogue on stage in a Yiddish theater in 1952. “On stage I could open up and no one would hurt me. For the first time in my life, I found a little kindness,” he said. “A place where people talked out their problems instead of punching you.”

It would still take years of hard work before Steve became a household name, but no matter how high his star rose, he never forgot where he came from. After he made it in Hollywood, Steve visited, sent gifts and established a scholarship fund at Boys Republic to help at-risk kids. Today, an annual car and motorcycle show that bears his name has raised over $3.5 million since its inception. “The world is as good as you are,” said Steve, who died in 1980 at age 50, following cancer surgery. “You’ve got to learn to like yourself first. I’m a little screwed up, but I’m beautiful.” *—Reporting by Katie Bruno*

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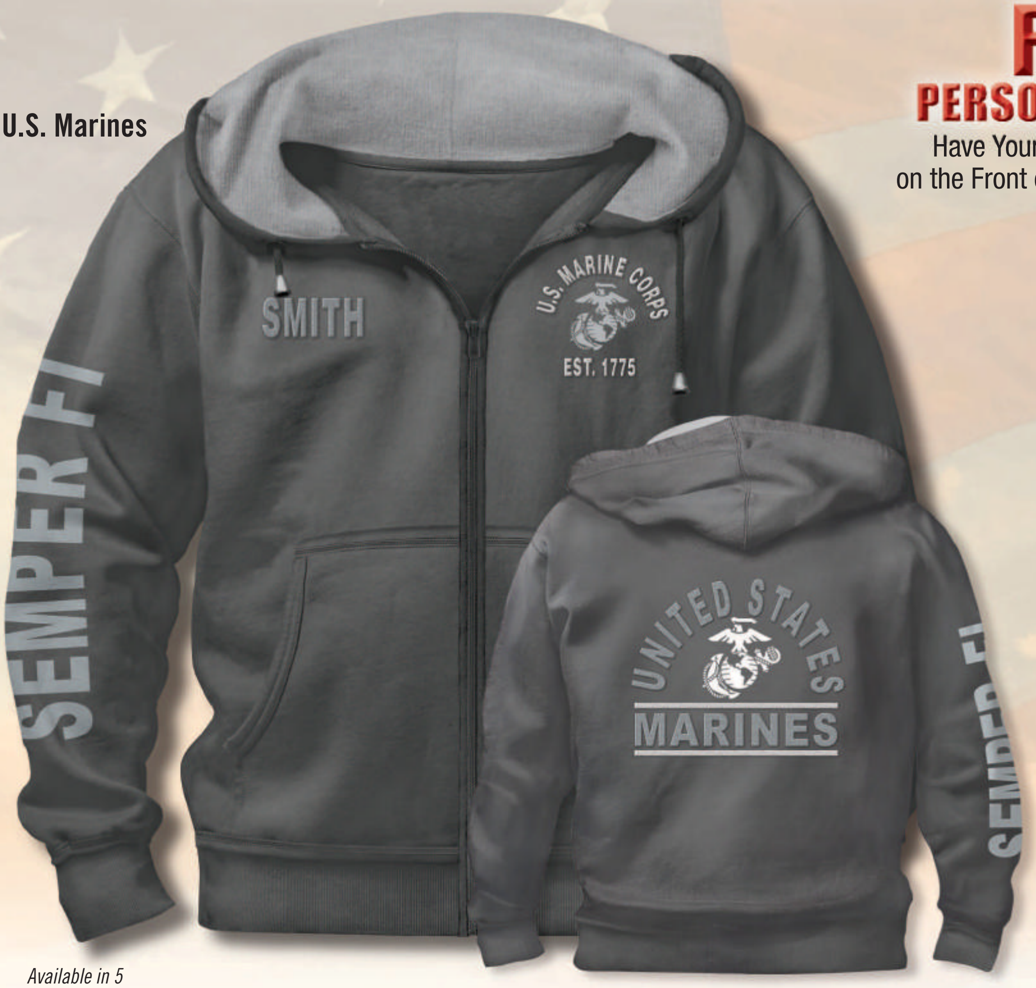

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Hollywood's Most Iconic FEMME FATALES

A FEW LEADING LADIES HAVE MADE A KILLER IMPRESSION THROUGH THE YEARS

Rita Hayworth

In 1946's *Gilda*, the titular vamp's tune, "Put the Blame on Mame," was a siren song for Glenn Ford's gambler Johnny Farrell. Yet it also served as a tragic sidenote in Rita's personal life. As she said, "Men go to bed with Gilda, but wake up with me."

▲*Lana Turner*

"I finally got tired of making movies where all I did was walk across the screen and look pretty," reflected Lana of 1946's *The Postman Always Rings Twice,* in which her role as the conniving adulteress Cora Smith (opposite John Garfield) actually stopped her from being typecast as a Hollywood sex symbol.

Kim Novak

As Judy Barton, Kim found playing the focus of one man's maddening obsession in 1958's *Vertigo* to be apropos. "I identify so very completely with the role because it was exactly what Hollywood was trying to do to me, which was to make me over into something I was not."

Ava Gardner

With 1946's *The Killers*, Ava became a star alongside Burt Lancaster as seductive Kitty Collins...but that persona became problematic. "I was a victim of an image. I was promoted as a sort of siren and played all these sexy girls. People made the mistake of thinking I was like that off-screen. They couldn't be more wrong."

Mary Astor

Playing temptress to Humphrey Bogart's gumshoe Sam Spade in 1941's *The Maltese Falcon* was a dream come true for Mary. "She's attractive, charming, appealingly feminine and helpless, and a complete liar and murderess," the actress explained. "What more could anyone want to play?"

Sharon Stone

"When I played a serial killer in *Basic Instinct,* I tapped into rage," confessed Sharon of her star-making turn as Catherine Tramell in the 1992 hit. "It was terrifying to look into the shadow self and to release it onto film for the world to see. To allow people to believe that I was 'like that.' Even more, to let myself know that I have or had darkness within. I can say that it was and is the most freeing thing I have ever done."

▶ Barbara Stanwyck

While her part as the alluring Phyllis Dietrichson in 1944's *Double Indemnity* is iconic, Barbara wasn't sure it was for her. "[I told director Billy Wilder] I am a little afraid after all these years of playing heroines to go into an out-and-out killer. And Mr. Wilder — and rightly so — looked at me and he said, 'Well, are you a mouse or an actress?'"

▲ Gloria Swanson

Aging actress Norma Desmond was ready for her close-up as femme fatale to screenwriter Joe Gillis (William Holden) in 1950's *Sunset Boulevard*. But Gloria wasn't prepared for the public to look too closely at its being biographical. "[They asked if the movie] was my own life — which is rather odd. I've no dead bodies in my swimming pool!"

Kathleen Turner

For her film debut in 1981's *Body Heat*, Kathleen's key to portraying the duplicitous Matty Walker was quite simple. "The power. That she could make someone do what she wanted done. Her calculations. She's really quite cold-blooded about it. It's kind of cool."

▶ Gene Tierney

"As much as any part I played, Ellen had meaning for me as a woman," said Gene of her turn as the deadly, obsessive Ellen Harland in 1945's *Leave Her to Heaven*. "She was jealous in a sad and destructive way. Jealousy is, I think, the worst of all faults."

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Relax!

Weekly Bonus Section Starts Here!

Puzzles • TV & Movies • Food • Health • Horoscopes

WORD SEARCH

Each of these clues can be found within the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward or forward. Circle them all to solve the puzzle.

THAT A BOYS

ALL SUMMER LONG

BARBARA ANN

CALIFORNIA GIRLS

DARLIN'

DO IT AGAIN

GOD ONLY KNOWS

GOOD VIBRATIONS

HELP ME, RHONDA

HEROES AND VILLAINS

I GET AROUND

KOKOMO

SHUT DOWN

SURFER GIRL

SURFIN' SAFARI

SURF'S UP

THIS WHOLE WORLD

'TIL I DIE

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE

Z	N	V	S	I	R	A	F	A	S	N	I	F	R	U	S	H	G	E	D
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V	S	H	O	A	A	C	B	S	L	B	X	L	J	G	P	A	P	O	H
D	M	G	T	H	I	S	W	H	O	L	E	W	O	R	L	D	C	W	O

SUDOKU

There are nine sections of nine squares in each puzzle. Fill in all blank spaces with numbers 1 to 9. The numbers can be in any order but can not be repeated.

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HARD

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EXPERT

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3				9				
			7					4

For the answers to this week's puzzles, turn to page 25.

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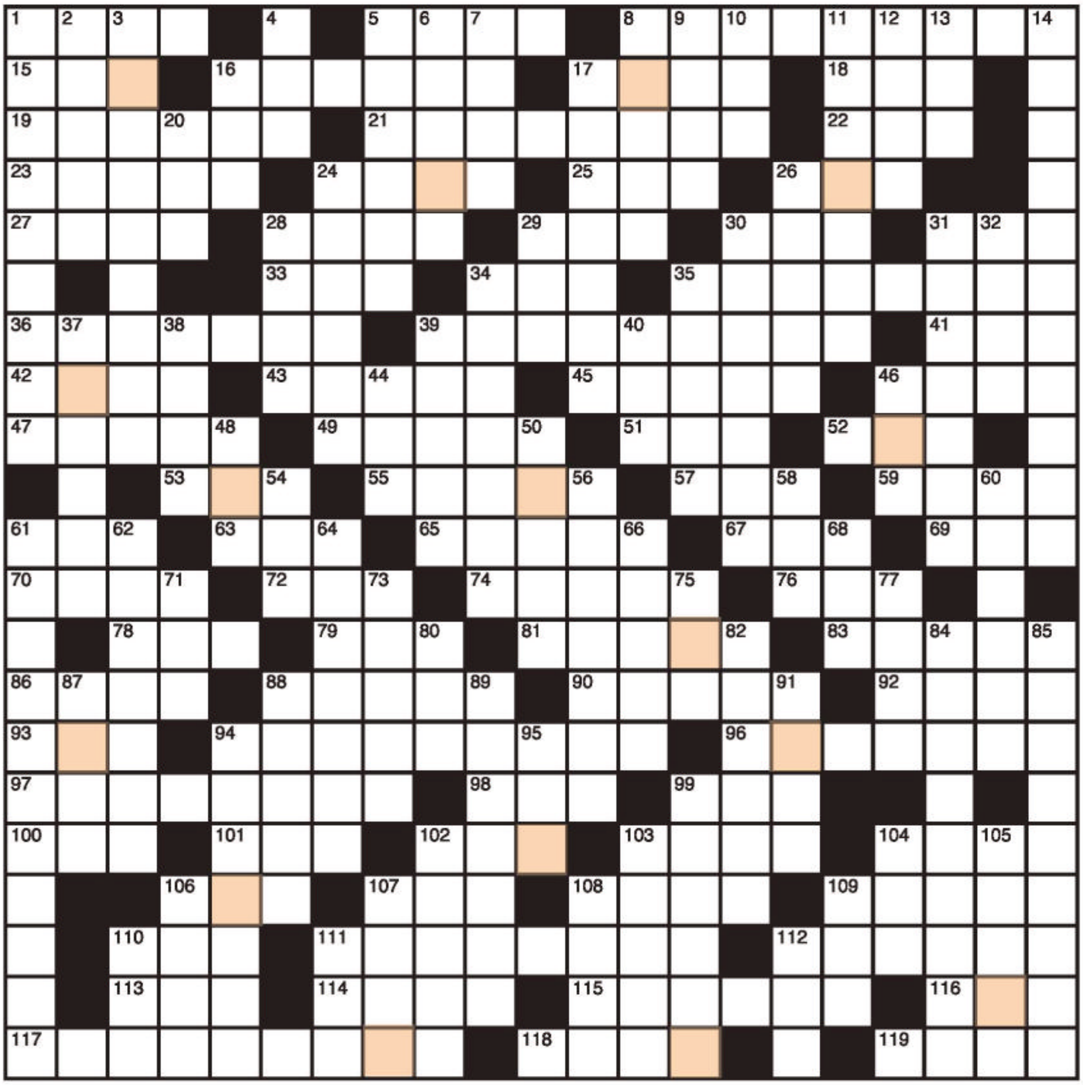
TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Wide belt
5 Runner's unit
8 Dangerous place
15 And so forth
16 Tranquil
17 Soldiers group
18 Cereal grain
19 Scottish plaid
21 Light the fuse
22 Function
23 Sailing boat
24 Injure
25 Stomach muscles, for short
26 Doctors (Abbr)
27 Ancient Highlander
28 After, gab, love or slug
29 Pacino, Michaels and Gore
30 Type of whale
31 Wager
33 Before carte or king
34 Saute
35 More elegant
36 Imposing building
39 Dictator Benito
41 Postal abbr.
42 Vintner's product
43 The Ewoks live here
45 Contaminate
46 Party giver
47 Wise men
49 Vast ages
51 Beer barrel
52 British raincoat
53 Barfly
55 Wanted poster word
57 Ump cousin
59 Condemn, doom
61 Rock's ___ Leppard
63 Anatomical pouch
65 Fall flower
67 Primary color
69 Fall behind
70 Leave out
72 ___-Magnon man
74 Placed a spell on
76 Armed conflict
78 Broadcasting network
79 Saloon drink
81 City in Italy
83 Fundamental
86 "Beware the ___ of March"
88 Refine ore
90 African beast
92 College athletic grp.
93 Negative replies
94 Take back for nonpayment
96 Absolute smallest
97 Captures
98 Play a part
99 Kegler's target
100 Compass heading
101 Halfway
102 Paid athlete
103 Purple hue
104 Ernie's pal
106 Sun lotion rating
107 India neighbor: ___Lanka
108 Chums
109 Luigi's Super brother
110 Sound of a little goat
111 Yearly precipitation
112 "The Picture of ___ Gray"
113 Ventilate
114 Court offering
115 Irritated
116 Cotton man Whitney
117 Seventies sitcom
118 Actress Sela
119 Mountain in Greece

DOWN
1 Machinery parts
2 "___ ___ Of Two Cities"
3 Moving text
4 Kingsley or Affleck
5 Perseus killed her
6 Motionless
7 Latvia native
8 Dribs and ___
9 Trauma technicians
10 Nautical yes
11 Escapist Harry
12 Russian news agency
13 Map abbreviation
14 Piercing, permeating
16 Maple syrup base
17 Couch doctor
20 Little kid
24 Montana city
26 Intended
28 Spot for botox
29 MGM slogan: "___ Gratia Artis"
30 Groovy guy
31 Type of lens
32 Electric, moray and lamprey
34 Supply the sofas
35 More cunning
37 Tiara
38 Service charges
39 Scratch, greenbacks
40 Flooring material
44 Smuggler's foe
46 Possessed
48 Distress call
50 Satisfies fully
54 Between tic and toe
56 Most alluring
58 Not many
60 Crazes
61 Overbearing
62 Adroitness
64 Not very roomy
66 Movie spools
68 Blot gently
71 Recipe amt.
73 Bread spreads
75 Genetic material
77 Rajah's wife
80 Golfer Ernie
82 Crazy capers
84 Stage backdrops
85 Psychotic syndrome
87 Knotts and Johnson
88 Short pen stroke
89 Russian empress
91 Eat formally
94 Defensive structure
95 Environment prefix
99 Tugged on
102 Uses a crowbar
103 Less colorful
104 Lawyer's exam
105 Mideast monies
106 Articulated
107 Clearance sign
108 Mate for mama
109 Stylishly up-to-date
110 Chinese leader
111 Engine measure
112 Comfy room



WORD SCRAMBLE

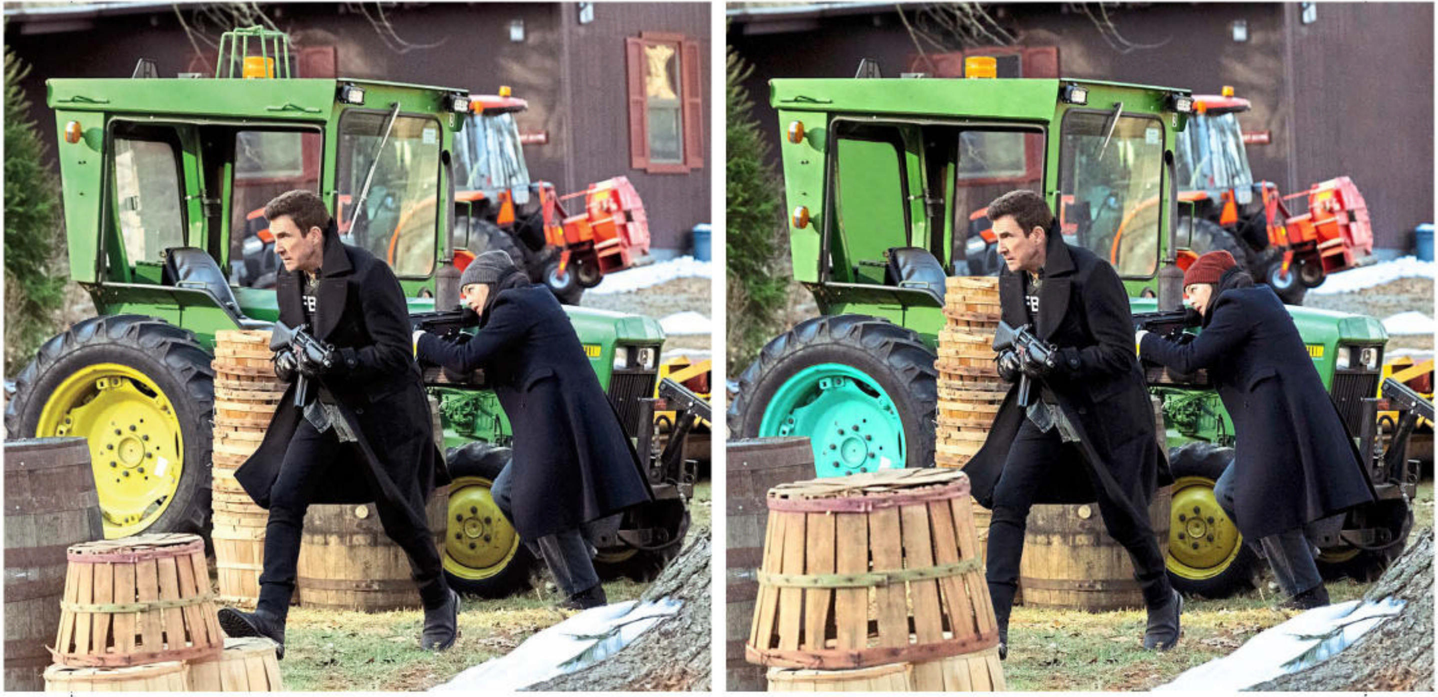
Unscramble the shaded letters to spell out the answer to this week's trivia question.

CATE BLANCHETT won an Oscar opposite this titanic talent in 2005's *The Aviator.*

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find the 10 things that make these two pictures different!

PICTURED:
DYLAN MCDERMOTT AND ALEXA DAVALOS
ON THE CBS DRAMA *FBI: MOST WANTED*.



BLOCK BUSTERS

Bust up the blocks below and reassemble them to spell the title of a movie that each actor appeared in. Each complete word begins with a capital letter.

How | Ca | as
W | c | t
Th | ll | T
Mu | st | e
Ba | Man | he | ou
Won | si | We

DEBBIE REYNOLDS

SHIRLEY JONES

LEE MARVIN

CRYPTOGRAM

A Cryptogram is a deciphering puzzle where one letter stands for another. If the letter M represents the letter A, it will do so throughout the puzzle. Write your answer in the box over the coded letter. Short words like A, AND, THE and I are common. Words may frequently end in E, S, and ING. We've given you some starting clues at the bottom.

P HBSNZA T OWXWK
JBDDTY UWK HWFTSOW
P TDVTIO DBOW LI
UWKO TKJ P CPKTDDI
NBA APYWJ BC KBA
FTYPKN.

CLUES: P=I D=L, QUOTE BY MITCH HEDBERG

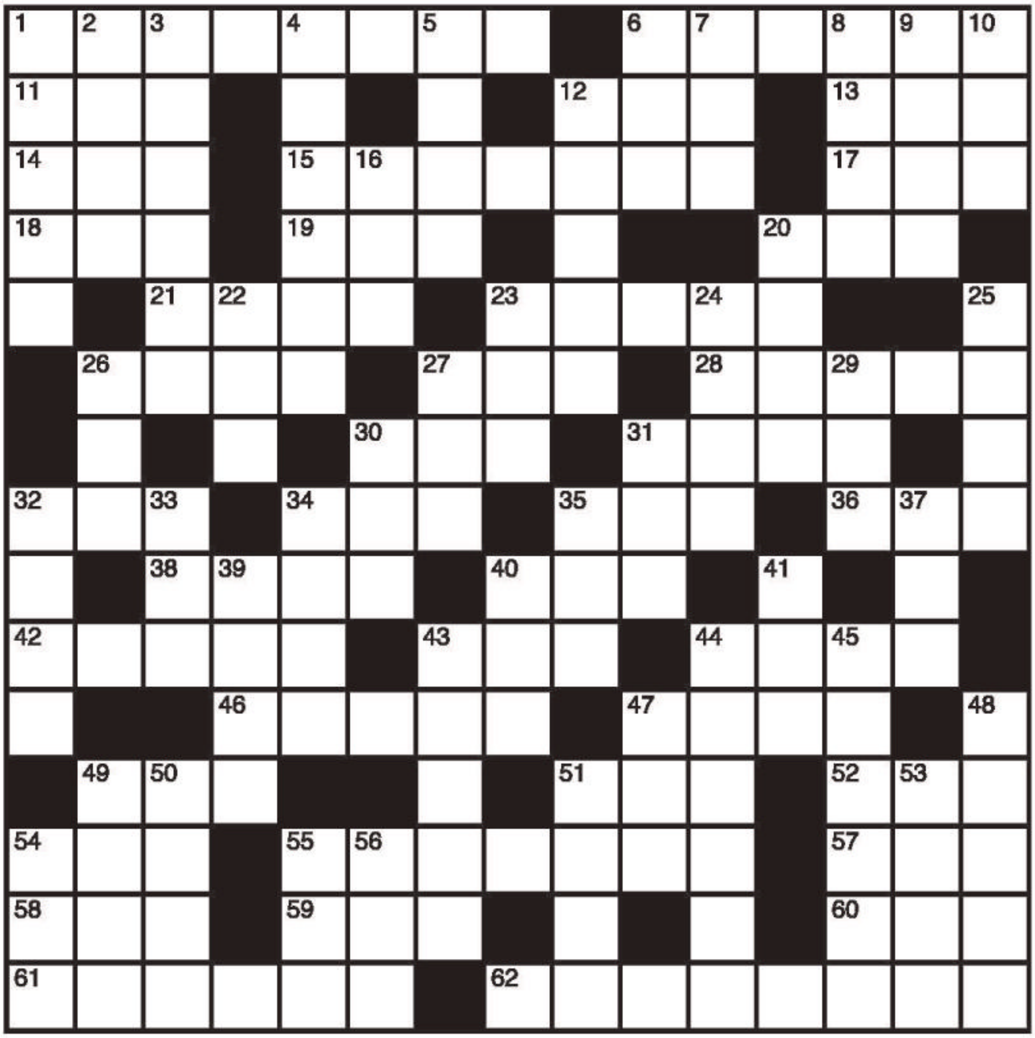
BONUS CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 One of the oceans
6 Used a cell
11 Stag's mate
12 Herbal brew
13 Paddle
14 Gallery exhibit
15 Artillery pieces
17 Attempt
18 Domestic animal
19 Knocks for a loop, slangily
20 Countdown start
21 Seventies stuntman Knievel
23 Mathematic relation
26 Type of exam
27 Hens do this
28 Quenched a thirst
30 They used to be boys
31 Thin
32 Bakery product
34 Start of a bloom
35 Stamping device
36 Kitten's foot
38 Wander about
40 Repair
42 Swimming stroke
43 Bob the noggin
44 Attractive
46 More recent
47 Two together
49 Motor coach
51 Body of water
52 A color to paint the town
54 Refuse to share
55 Vacuum cleaner
57 A little weird
58 Not well
59 Corn serving
60 Mature
61 Singer Harry
62 Created from scratch

DOWN

1 Adjust to
2 Made a rip in
3 Mailed item
4 Piece of change
5 Charged particles
6 Write an essay
7 Possesses
8 Jot down
9 Make a buck
10 Lacking moisture
12 Yesterday's tomorrow
16 Internet site
20 Actress Spelling
22 Moving truck
23 Did a marathon
24 Monty Python's Eric
25 Statistics word
26 Yes, in Paris
27 Paved the way
29 Electric guitar need
30 Silent
31 Half a dozen
32 Hockey disc
33 Pitcher's statistic
34 Christian of *American Hustle*
35 Accomplished
37 Logger's tool
39 Holds the title to
40 In favor of
41 Place
43 Not in this lifetime!
44 Lacking refinement
45 Neck
47 Spelling contest
48 Summed up
49 Lightning strike
50 Not too cute
51 Bridge length
53 Advantage
54 Towel marking
55 Observe
56 "How The West ___ Won"



HOROSCOPES

WEEK OF MAY 14 – 20

Taurus

APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Choose your next steps carefully. Your life is changing and a fresh start is possible, especially with love and money.

Gemini

MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Anything is possible, Gem! When it's about work, stay focused on the result and if you have a setback, just take it in stride.

Cancer

JUNE 22 – JULY 22

If you want a change in your personal or professional life, it's up to you to act; but some things may be out of your control.

Leo

JULY 23 – AUG. 22

You have a chance now to live your best life, Leo. But before you make an impulsive decision, think through the pros and cons.

Virgo

AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22

When it concerns a personal matter, be careful what you wish for. When you get your own way, there is generally a price to pay.

Libra

SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22

A colleague at work can help open a door for you. To climb the ladder of success, the more you know, the more you will be in demand.

Scorpio

OCT. 23 – NOV. 21

Be hands-on at work. Take the initiative to let others know you are in charge, but don't get too serious. Lighten up and have some fun!

Sagittarius

NOV. 22 – DEC. 21

Get ready to focus your attention on home and family matters, but keep your schedule flexible as life can change in an instant.

Capricorn

DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

A creative project can get the green light, putting you in the public eye. Make sure you are on the best-dressed list!

Aquarius

JAN. 20 – FEB. 18

Passion alert! Time to show your lovable side, but don't give too much away too soon — a little mystery can be alluring.

Pisces

FEB. 19 – MARCH 20

Take control to get the job done at work and people will appreciate your sense of urgency, Pisces.

Aries

MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Step back and look, listen, and learn. This is a powerful time to get in touch with what you want in life.

Tori Spelling turns 50 on May 16!

On *Beverly Hills, 90210* in 1990

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1. Light cage missing on top of tractor.
2. Bracket missing on side of tractor.
3. Light added to side of tractor.
4. Tractor rear window shaded in.
5. Baskets stacked higher.
6. Windshield wiper is shorter.
7. Barn window is missing.
8. Cap color changed.
9. Wheel color changed.
10. Basket made bigger.

WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER:

Leonardo DiCaprio

BONUS CROSSWORD

A	T	L	A	N	T	I	C	■	P	H	O	N	E	D
D	O	E	■	I	■	O	■	T	E	A	■	O	A	R
A	R	T	■	C	A	N	N	O	N	S	■	T	R	Y
P	E	T	■	K	O	S	■	D	■	■	T	E	N	■
T	■	E	V	E	L	■	R	A	T	I	O	■	■	S
■	O	R	A	L	■	L	A	Y	■	D	R	A	N	K
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SUDOKU

Medium

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Hard

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Expert

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6	9	1	3	2	8	5	4	7
5	6	4	8	3	1	2	7	9
3	2	7	5	9	4	1	6	8
9	1	8	7	6	2	3	5	4

CRYPTOGRAM

"I bought a seven dollar pen because I always lose my pens and I finally got tired of not caring."

CROSSWORD

S	A	S	H	■	B	■	M	I	L	E	■	D	E	A	T	H	T	R	A	P
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E	D	I	F	I	C	E	■	M	U	S	S	O	L	I	N	I	■	F	L	A
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OUT NOW

Diane Keaton, Mary Steenburgen, Candice Bergen and Jane Fonda toast life.

JOIN THE *CLUB*

"The older the vines, the sweeter the fruit." For *Book Club: The Next Chapter*, a sequel to 2018's *Book Club*, that's the adopted motto for best friends Carol (Mary Steenburgen), Diane (Diane Keaton), Sharon (Candice Bergen) and Vivian (Jane Fonda) as they jet off to Rome for Viv's bachelorette party. Inspired by the pages of Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist,* they're ready to seize that moment! It's a theme that Diane hopes will resonate with women everywhere. "They should go out there, have a good time, see what it's like," she says. "Maybe it's not for them. But maybe go explore more instead of sitting in our homes, not sure, not taking risks."

Lennie James wants to make a point about his character.

Dead Set

As *Fear the Walking Dead* begins its eighth and final season, there's still some life left in post-apocalyptic hero Morgan Jones. Out to rescue his adopted daughter, Mo, from the clutches of a group known only as PADRE, he may be facing a tougher challenge than any zombie horde he's ever battled. And that's just perfect for star Lennie James. "This final season, for me, was, 'What does Morgan live for, or what does Morgan die for?'...I wanted his finale to be an answer to those questions."

TUNE IN! *Fear the Walking Dead* returns Sunday, May 14 at 9 p.m. ET on AMC and AMC+

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sigourney Weaver

In Master Gardener

WHAT SHE'S DOING: Playing a wealthy dowager in the film *Master Gardener* — just one of four films she's been in the past year. "I usually have something simmering," she says.

WHAT SHE'S DONE: Following the *Alien* franchise, she returned to sci-fi with her turn in 2009's *Avatar* and its sequels. "I think [the genre] reflects how powerful women are."

TUNE IN! *Master Gardener* is out Friday, May 19.

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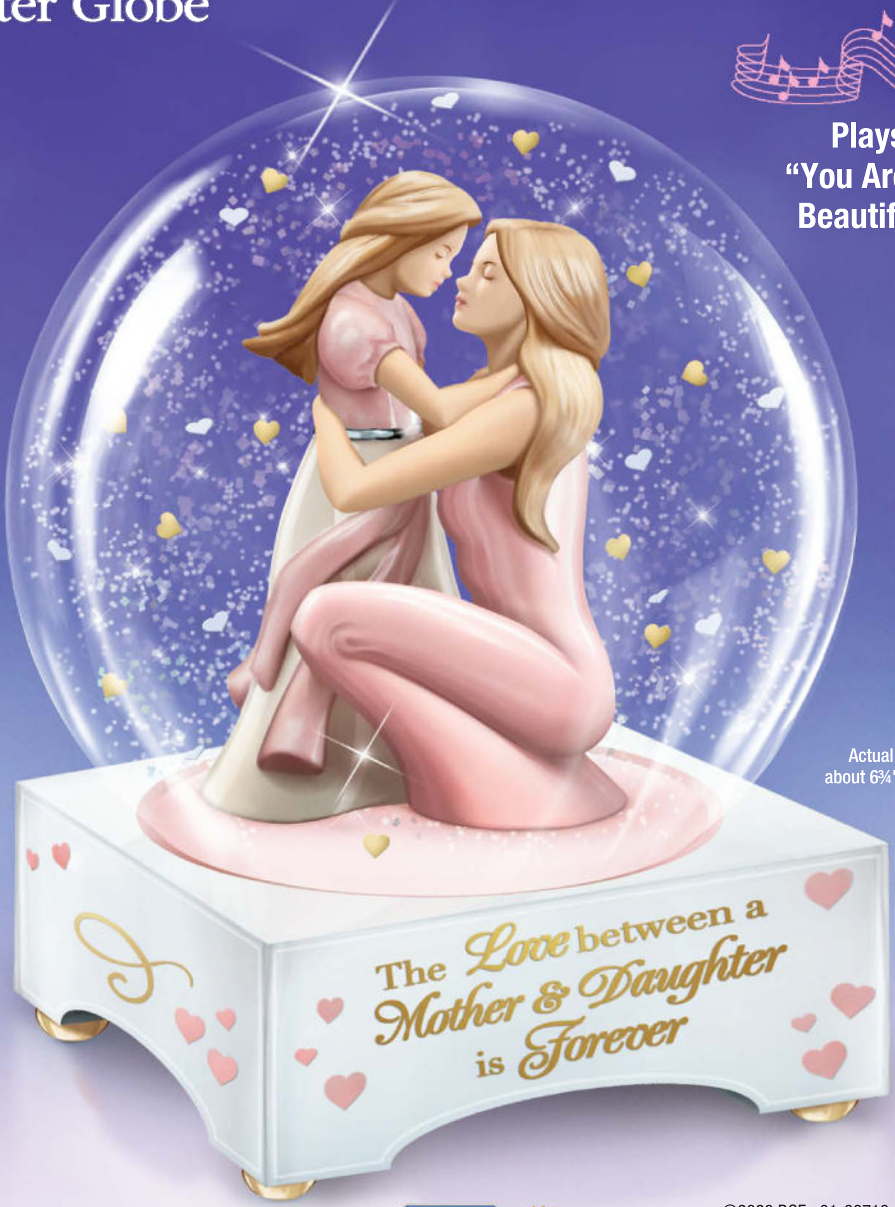

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Peaceful PALM SPRINGS

Longtime Favorite
Kate, who has starred on *The Young and the Restless* since 1982, spoke with *Closer* at *Y&R*'s 50th anniversary celebration.

THINGS TO DO & SEE

Air Angels
The Palm Springs Air Museum is devoted to the aircraft and pilots who flew during World War II.

Water World
The El Morocco Inn & Spa lets visitors enjoy a soak in rich thermal hot springs.

PERFECT WEATHER AND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES DRAW VISITORS TO THIS DESERT OASIS

Palm Springs, Calif., has been attracting Hollywood A-listers since the 1930s. "It's a close drive, but the minute you arrive it feels like you're on vacation," the *Young and the Restless* star Kate Linder tells *Closer.* These days, in addition to sun-drenched weather and natural hot springs, Palm Springs boasts luxurious resorts, championship golf courses and terrific dining options. "It's such great fun to spend the evening," says Kate. "They have wonderful restaurants and theater. It's one of my favorite places to meet up with friends." —*Reporting by Amanda Champagne-Meadows*

Dining Delight

Enjoy a meal in the Art Deco inspired Colony Club restaurant, which serves classic California fare.

Tee Time

Designed by Jack Nicklaus, Escena Golf Club boasts gorgeous views of the San Jacinto Mountains.

BRING PALM SPRINGS HOME

THE BEAUTY

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Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a tall glass over ice.

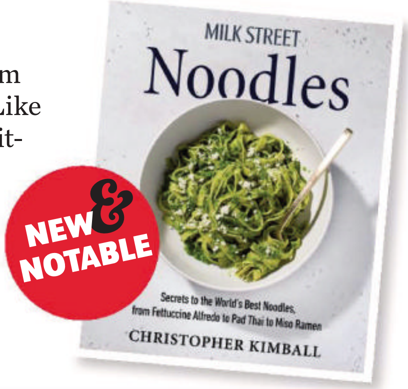
THE SIP

Cool off with a Palm Springs Cocktail!

Fresh, Flavor-Packed NOODLE BOWLS

These mouthwatering recipes prove that there are endlessly tasty ways to prepare a plate of pasta

No matter the occasion, you can't go wrong with a heaping plate of noodles. So we were thrilled to discover the new cookbook *Milk Street: Noodles* from cooking guru Christopher Kimball. "Beyond the classic Italian plate of spaghetti tossed with ragù or pesto, there is an almost infinite universe of recipes, from ramen to spaetzle, from lo mein to gnocchi, from couscous to fregola," says Kimball. "Like chicken soup, noodles are a cultural litmus test of sorts, bringing to the fore the flavors, techniques and preferences that make every culture special and captivating." Case in point: these three creative, unique and delicious recipes. Try one tonight!


NEW & NOTABLE
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Noodles
Secrets to the World's Best Noodles, from Fettuccine Alfredo to Pad Thai to Miso Ramen
CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

So easy and so good!

RIGATONI WITH PISTACHIO-RICOTTA PESTO

Serves 4

1	**lb. rigatoni**
1⅓	**cups whole-milk ricotta cheese**
¾	**cup raw pistachios, plus 2 tbsp. finely chopped pistachios**
2	**tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil**
2	**oz. Parmesan cheese (without rind),** *cut into 4 or 5 pieces*
½	**cup fresh basil**
¼	**cup roughly chopped fresh chives**

1. In a large pot, bring 4 quarts water to boil. Stir in the pasta and 1 tbsp. salt, then cook, stirring occasionally, until al dente. Reserve 1½ cups cooking water, then drain the pasta and return it to the pot.

2. In a blender, combine the ricotta, the whole pistachios, oil, Parmesan, basil, chives, ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Add 1 cup pasta water and blend until creamy, about 1 min.; the pesto should have a consistency similar to yogurt.

3. Pour the pesto over the pasta and stir, adding more reserved pasta water as needed so the sauce coats the noodles. Taste and season. Serve drizzled with additional olive oil and sprinkled with the chopped pistachios.

PER SERVING: 705 cal, 31g protein, 93g carbs, 5g fiber, 5g sugar, 25g fat

Recipes adapted from *Milk Street: Noodles* by Christopher Kimball.
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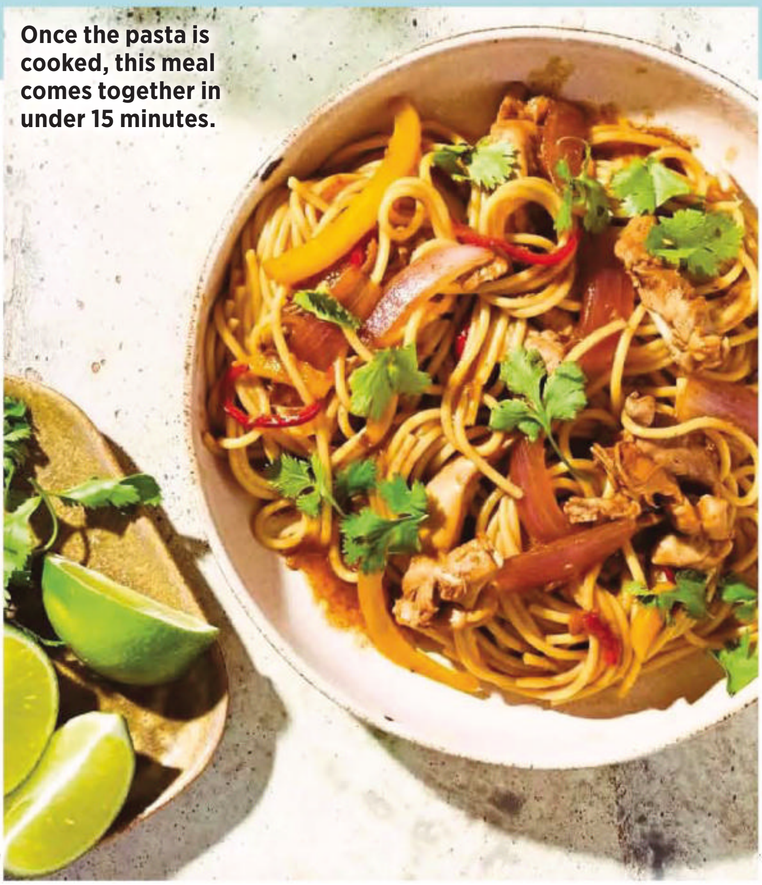


Once the pasta is cooked, this meal comes together in under 15 minutes.

PERUVIAN CHICKEN AND NOODLES

Serves 4

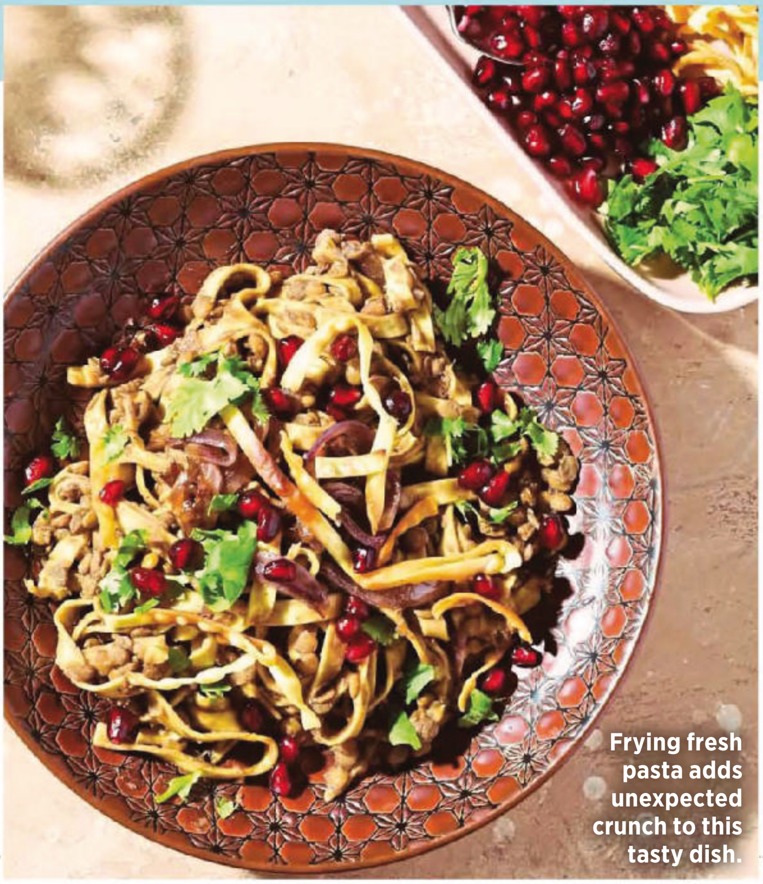
8	**oz. spaghetti**
3	**tbsp. oyster sauce**
2	**tbsp. soy sauce**
2	**tbsp. balsamic vinegar**
3	**tbsp. neutral oil**
1	**lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs,** *trimmed and cut into ¾″ strips*
1	**red onion,** *halved and sliced into ½″ wedges*
3	**garlic cloves,** *thinly sliced*
1	**bell pepper,** *seeded and sliced*
1	**Fresno or jalapeño chili,** *stemmed, halved and thinly sliced*
2	**tbsp. lime juice**
¼	**cup fresh cilantro**

1. In a large saucepan, bring 2 quarts water to a boil. Add pasta and 1 tbsp. salt; cook until just shy of al dente. Reserve ½ cup cooking water, then drain. In a bowl, mix next 3 ingredients; set aside.

2. In a 12″ skillet over medium-high, heat oil. Add chicken, onion, garlic and ¼ tsp. each salt and pepper; cook 4 min. Add oyster sauce mixture; cook 4 min. Add bell pepper and chili; cook 2 min.

3. Stir in pasta. Add reserved pasta water; cook 2 to 3 min. Off heat, stir in lime juice and cilantro and serve.

PER SERVING: 764 cal, 49g protein, 93g carbs, 5g fiber, 6g sugar, 21g fat



Frying fresh pasta adds unexpected crunch to this tasty dish.

PASTA AND LENTILS WITH POMEGRANATE

Serves 4

¼	**cup extra-virgin olive oil**
1	(9 oz.) **container fresh fettuccine,** *noodles cut in half crosswise*
1	**red onion,** *halved and sliced*
¾	**cup brown lentils,** *rinsed and drained*
2	**tsp. cumin**
1½	**tsp. coriander**
2	**tbsp. pomegranate molasses**
¾	**cup fresh cilantro,** *chopped*
½	**cup pomegranate seeds**

1. In a 12″ skillet, combine oil and a quarter of the pasta. Cook over medium-high, stirring often, until crisp, 3 to 5 min. With a slotted spoon, transfer to a bowl; set aside.

2. Add onion and ½ tsp. salt to skillet. Cook over medium-high 5 min. Transfer to a bowl.

3. Add 4 cups water; bring to a boil. Stir in lentils, cumin, coriander and ½ tsp. each salt and pepper. Cover; simmer 32 to 36 min.

4. Add 2 cups water and bring to a boil. Stir in untoasted pasta and half the onions; cook, uncovered, 5 to 8 min.

5. Off heat, stir in molasses. Transfer to a serving bowl. Top with remaining onion, fried pasta, cilantro and pomegranate seeds.

PER SERVING: 389 cal, 10g protein, 57g carbs, 2g fiber, 10g sugar, 15g fat

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5 TIPS FOR A HAPPIER LIFE

PRACTICING THESE HABITS FROM A COUNTRY IN THE NORTH CAN HELP YOUR MOOD FROM GOING SOUTH

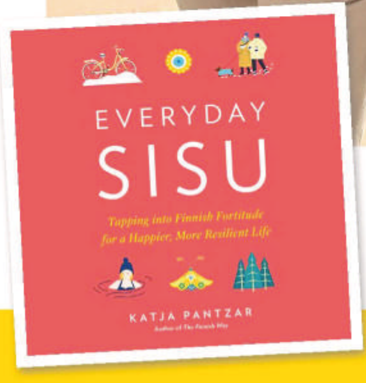
FORGE AHEAD: As Finland was once again declared by the U.N. as the happiest nation in the world for the sixth year in a row, the country may be onto something. And that something is known as *sisu*, or an embrace of fortitude. According to Katja Pantzar, author of *Everyday Sisu*, it's a mindset to "actively transform the challenges that come our way into opportunities."

DON'T COMPARE: The Finnish philosopher Frank Martela notes that his countrymen also abide by the saying *Kell' onni on, se onnen kätkeköön*. Roughly translated, it means: "Don't compare or brag about your happiness.... [So] focus more on what makes you happy and less on looking successful."

STAY CONNECTED: Having a circle of trust is also important...and not just in Finland! As the Mayo Clinic points out: "Maximize the amount of time that you spend with people you enjoy being around. Connecting with others who radiate positivity and have similar interests will excite and energize you."

GET OUT: Finland is known as the "land of a thousand lakes," so it should come as no surprise that outdoor activities are a priority. As experts at Emory University explain: "Nature is a great stress-reliever, and spending time outside has been shown to increase concentration." It can also boost peace of mind, energy and relaxation.

BE ACTIVE: Finally, you don't have to live in Scandinavia to know a healthy life can make for a happy one. "Move more, sit less," say the folks at the CDC. "Being active can help you prevent, delay and manage chronic diseases; improve balance and stamina; reduce risk of falls and improve brain health."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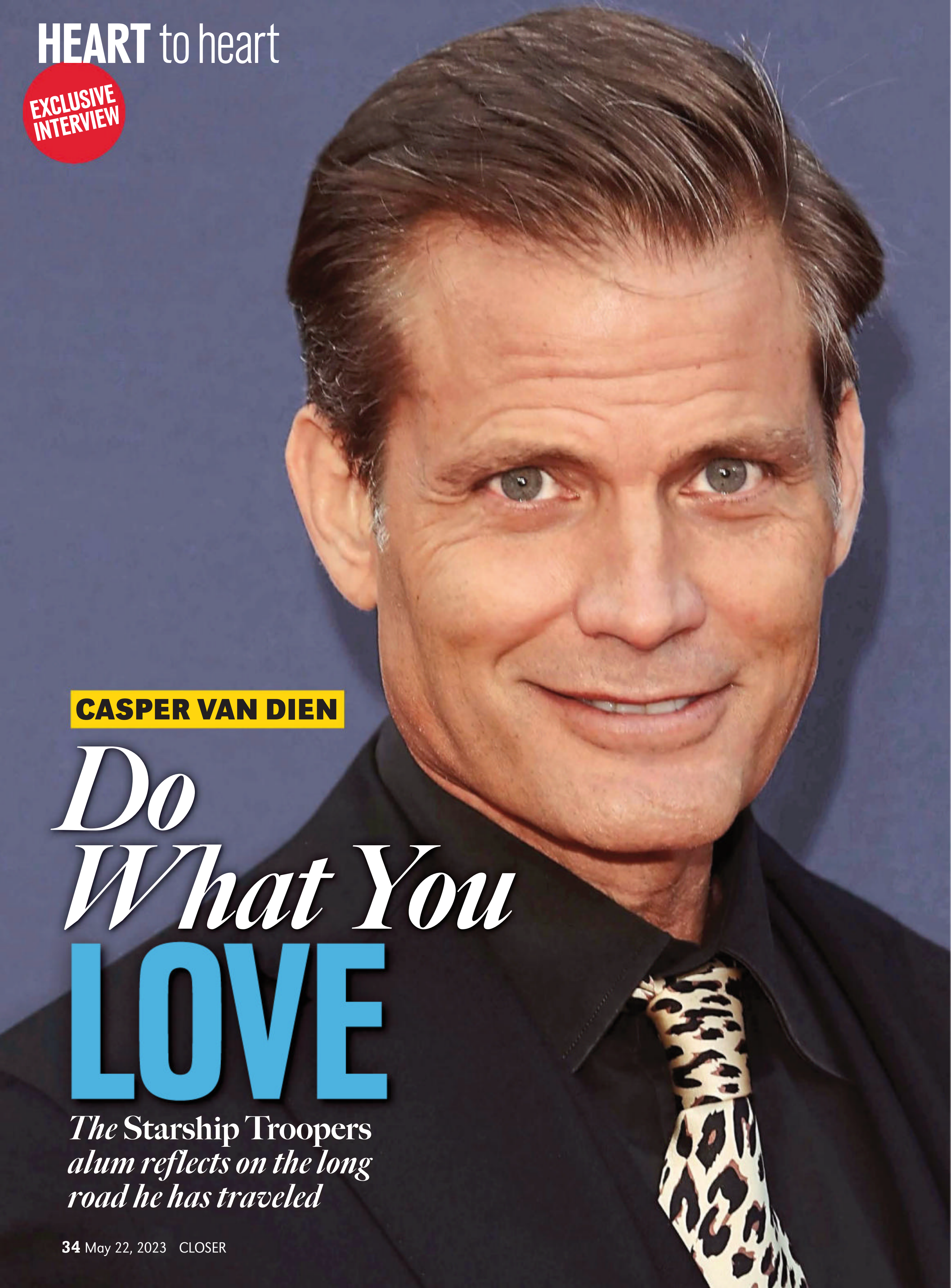


CASPER VAN DIEN

Do What You LOVE

The Starship Troopers *alum reflects on the long road he has traveled*

Casper got his big break in 1997's *Starship Troopers.*

He and Jennifer Wenger have been married since 2018. "She is the sweetest person with the kindest heart," he says.

In the early 1990s, Casper Van Dien took a gap year off from his studies at the University of Florida to try his hand at becoming a professional actor — and he's never looked back. After a few years of paying his dues in small television roles, he got his big break playing teenage space soldier Johnny Rico in *Starship Troopers*. Other roles in films and television, including *Tarzan and the Lost City*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *The Pact* and *All American* have continued to keep him busy. "I love this business," Casper, 54, tells *Closer*. "I love being around it. I love talking about it. I think I'm a better person because I get to be on set. I'm a better husband, a better father, a better everything, because I get to be on movie sets and do what I love."

Casper has two new films out right now. *Hunt Club* and *Daughter* are both available on Prime Video, Apple TV+ and Redbox, among other outlets.

So, what got you interested in acting?

My parents were both educators, and we used to sing and dance after dinner. They introduced me to Broadway, movies, books and literature. I think that is what got me started.

You're from a military family. Did you have thoughts of joining the service?

Yes. I was born in Florida and then we moved to Japan. My dad was in charge of handling the navy base for the Japanese from 1969 to 1973. I thought I was going into the military. I chose to go to a military school when I was 16. My mom said, "Don't go away to school." My dad was like, "I'm proud of you."

Do you think your background with the military has helped you in your acting career?

Yes. Having that background gave me discipline, which has been extremely helpful in the industry. There are some producers I've worked with multiple times. I'm always prepared. I'm always early. I can't not do that, otherwise I'd feel like I'm not being me. That background gave me great tools as an actor. I've been very lucky, but I also think it's the structure and discipline that helped me.

In your two recently released films, you're playing villains. Are those roles hard to play?

It's been very challenging. *Hunt Club* was a hard movie. It's a good old revenge story about female empowerment. I have four daughters, three sisters and a beautiful wife. I love all the women in my life. Anytime you are not being kind to a woman, it's always difficult for me. It goes against the grain of my soul.

And then in *Daughter*, you play a pretty terrible father!

I play a horrible father who takes his daughter and replaces her with another daughter. That was the most difficult role.

But it was a great experience, and I was really impressed with everybody who worked on it.

You also have a very different look in it.
I had a beard and parted my hair down the middle. As I was leaving one morning, my wife and daughter were like, "Dad, why are you doing your hair like that? It's gross." They hadn't read the script but just thought I looked so creepy. It was good for the character.

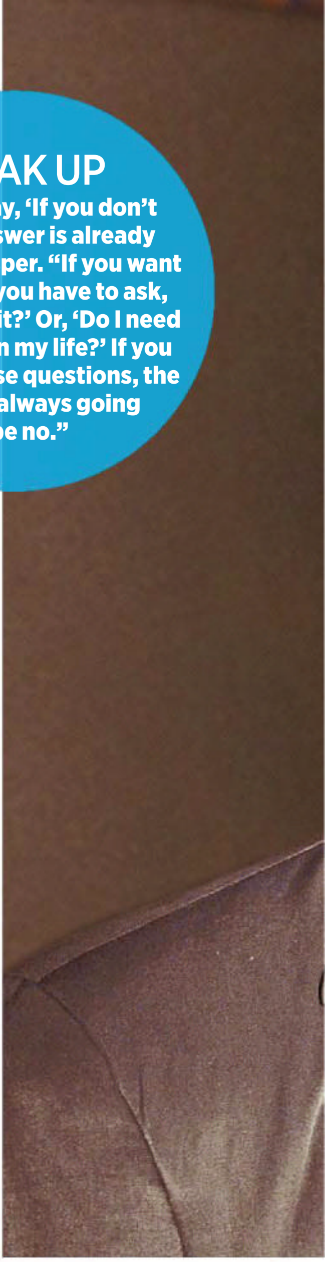
Of course, *Starship Troopers* was a huge film. Do you have any favorite memories of filming it?
I remember filming the scene where the drop troops are landing. We had 1,400 extras, 250 crew, 30 actors and 30 stunt people. We had a second unit of 138 people. We're all running around with weapons. And I look over and see Paul Verhoeven, our director, who also directed *RoboCop*, one of my favorite movies. I was just thinking, "Oh, my God." I loved being with those people. I was in awe of how professional everyone was. We did this huge scene and nobody got hurt.

Would you like to go back and play *Starship*'s Johnny Rico again?
Oh yeah, we have talked many times about doing it. I would love to play Old Man Rico. I think he'd be a battle-worn person. In the original *Starship Troopers*, he didn't question authority. Now, I think he would be more likely to ask the question whether something was the right thing to do.

What have been your favorite roles?
Johnny Rico from *Starship Troopers* is 100 percent my favorite. My second would be Tarzan and then Johnny Cage [in the web series *Mortal Kombat: Legacy*.]

You also costarred with Johnny Depp in Tim Burton's *Sleepy Hollow*. Was that a good experience?
That was so surreal. In my experience, Johnny Depp was one of the greatest gentlemen and a kind, giving actor. I had just quit smoking cigars, and he was rolling a cigarette one day. He asks, "Hey, Casper, do you want a cigarette?" I always regretted that I said no. I should have gone out and smoked a cigarette with Johnny Depp. At the time, he was representative of what a real Hollywood star should be.

What do you do for fun?
I'm a big hiker, and I like going into the forest. Now that I live in Florida, I'm also going to the beach. I love reading, and I love watching movies and TV. Hanging out with my wife, friends and family.



SPEAK UP

"I always say, 'If you don't ask, the answer is already no.'" says Casper. "If you want something, you have to ask, 'How do I get it?' Or, 'Do I need to have this in my life?' If you don't ask those questions, the answer is always going to be no."

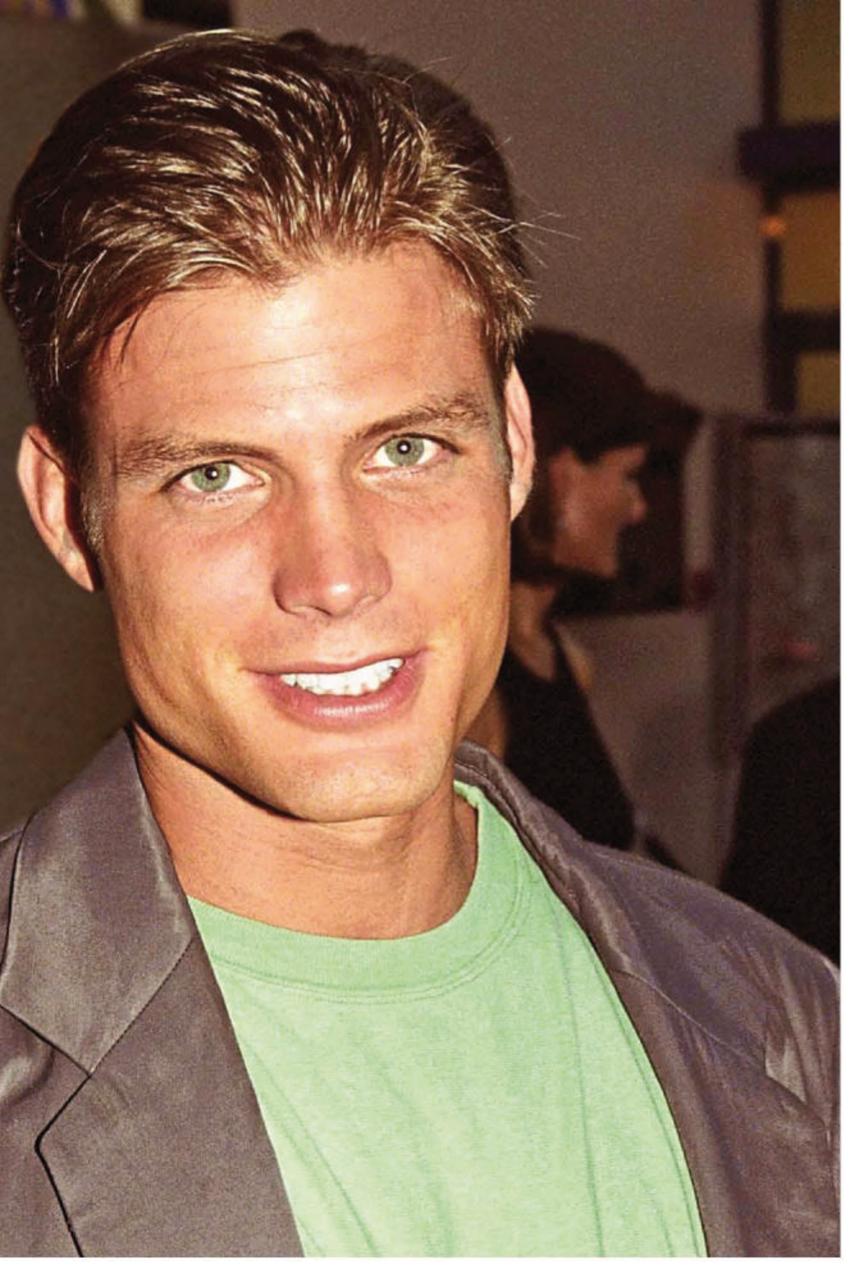
CASPER'S LIFE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FRESH FACE "I always loved movies," he says. "I thought it would be fun to try to be in them."

SWING SET He played the king of the jungle in 1998's *Tarzan and the Lost City*.

LEGENDARY TALE In *Sleepy Hollow*, he was Ichabod Crane's rival for the hand of Katrina Van Tassel.

LUXE LIFE In 2000, Casper was part of the cast of Aaron Spelling's TV series *Titans*.



> “The greatest lesson I’ve learned is to take a breath before you speak and be kind.”
>
> *—Casper Van Dien*

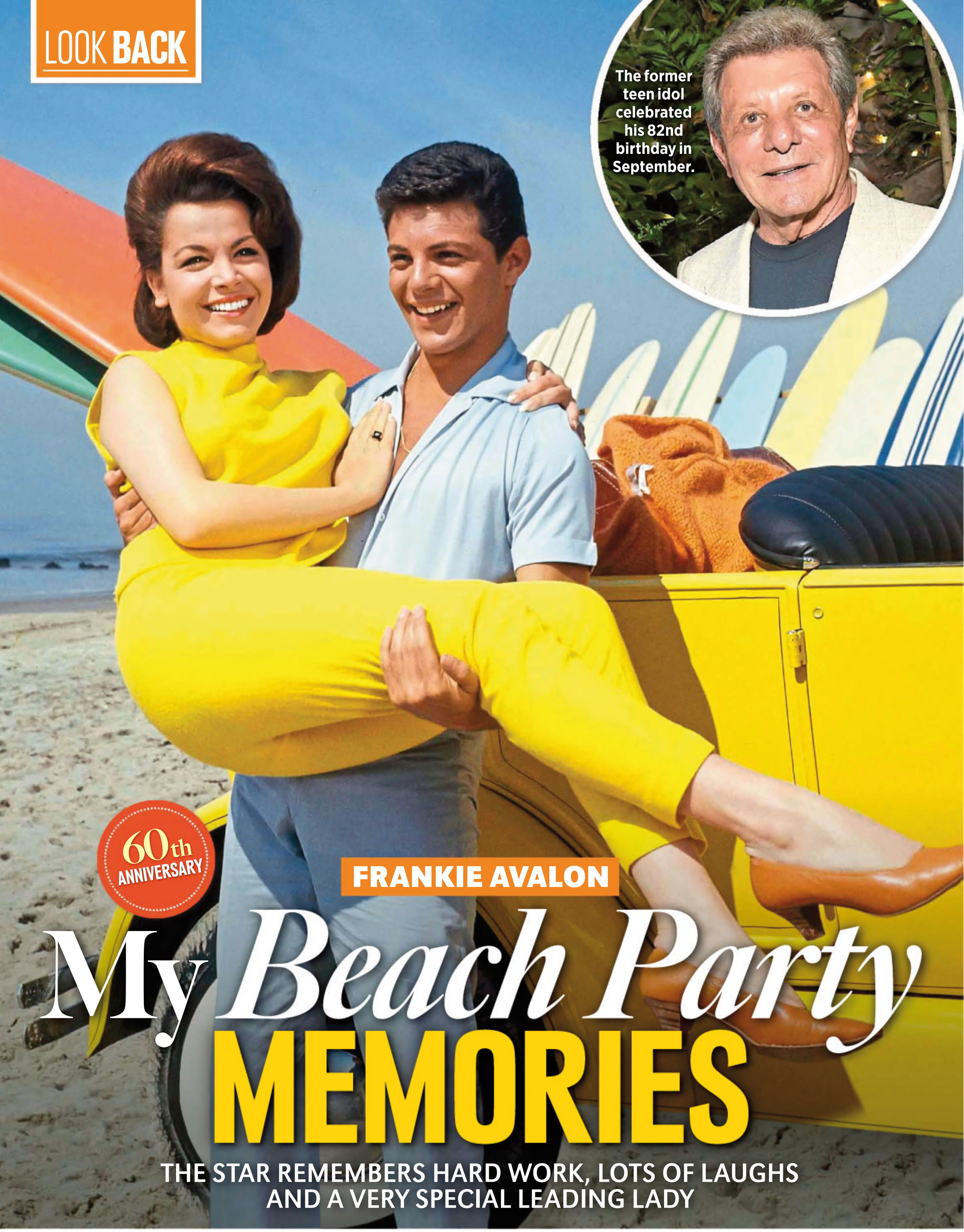
What makes your marriage work?
My wife, Jenny, is the kindest person, the most compassionate and loving. She goes out of her way to make sure everybody feels welcomed and feels important. I’ve never met anybody like her. I wish I was as sweet as her or as kind as her. I strive to be a better person because of her.

Aw! Your daughter Grace Van Dien followed in your footsteps as an actor. Did you give her any advice?
She’s killing it as an actress. It’s been so amazing to see her do this. I didn’t put it on any of them. I want all my five kids to be who they are. Grace used to come on sets and just watch me. Now she calls me for advice, and I try to be as positive as I can. I am very impressed with her. She’s a much better actor than I am, and I think she will be much more successful. I couldn’t be more proud. *—Reporting by Fortune Benatar*

NEXT CHAPTER He reprised the role of Johnny Rico in 2008’s *Starship Troopers 3: Marauder.*

FAMILY WAY “I am playing this horrible man, but I want him to feel authentic,” he says of his role in *Daughter.*

BOYS DAY OUT Casper and Mickey Rourke’s characters get what they deserve in the recently released thriller *Hunt Club.*



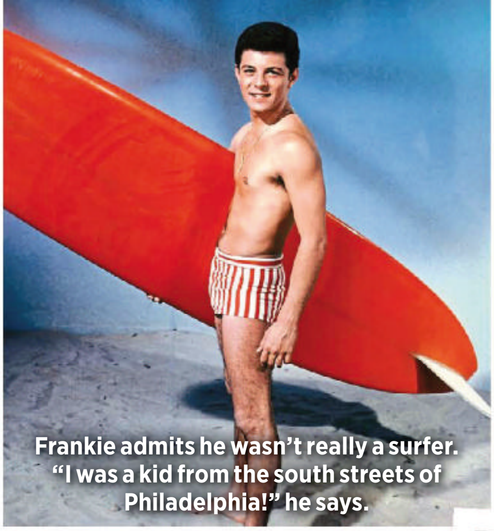
The former teen idol celebrated his 82nd birthday in September.

FRANKIE AVALON

My Beach Party MEMORIES

THE STAR REMEMBERS HARD WORK, LOTS OF LAUGHS AND A VERY SPECIAL LEADING LADY

In *Beach Party*, Frankie Avalon carries Annette Funicello over the threshold of their seaside bungalow at the start of what he hopes will be a romantic getaway for two. The mood is shattered when he discovers that she's invited all of their friends to join them! Teenage shenanigans, crazy misunderstandings, and lots of singing and dancing ensue.



Frankie admits he wasn't really a surfer. "I was a kid from the south streets of Philadelphia!" he says.

Annette was under contract with Walt Disney, which insisted she wear one-piece swimsuits.

The friends reunited for 1987's *Back to the Beach*.

Stevie Wonder joined the fun in 1964's *Muscle Beach Party*, the first of several sequels.

In 1963, *Beach Party* captivated young audiences nationwide with an escapist fantasy about the so-called "wild mating habits" of Southern California teens. "We never thought it would have such success and longevity," Frankie, 82, admitted at the recent TCM Classic Film Festival. Filming *Beach Party* "was an absolute ball, and I think it comes off on screen," he adds. "People loved it."

Frankie began his career as a singer with several chart-topping hits, including "Venus," "Why" and "I'll Wait for You," and met his future leading lady, Annette, while performing at a Dick Clark *Caravan of Stars* show in 1959. "It was at the Hollywood Bowl," Frankie said. "Of course, she was the cutest thing." The pair went out on a date for pizza, but lost touch until they reunited as co-stars on *Beach Party*. "We did our first scene together, and it just happened," Frankie recalled. "We really became friends, not just on screen."

> **"*Beach Party* still holds up — except for one thing. The dancing is different today."**
>
> *—Frankie Avalon*

Beach Party shot at breakneck speed at California surfing spots, including Malibu, Newport, Balboa and Laguna. "We made those films, believe it or not, in 15 days! We'd do 30 or 40 setups in a day," he said, adding that the outdoor scenes were rushed and uncomfortable. "We were on the beach on freezing days," he remembered. "And we didn't have the technology of today. When the sun would start to go down, we couldn't shoot anymore. It was one or two takes and that was it."

For the musical numbers, the performers learned the lyrics and choreography on the fly. "We'd go to the next soundstage. They would have a piano player there," Frankie said. "Then we'd go back in, do the scene and practice. It was like a stage show."

Despite the pressure to get it all done fast, Frankie and Annette remained in sync. "We spent 10, 12, 14 hours a day together and never had a disagreement," he marveled. "She was absolutely a professional." The pair appeared in five of the seven original *Beach Party* films, and their warm friendship lasted a lifetime. "We became such friends that I am godfather to her daughter and her husband is godfather to my oldest son," Frankie said.

BACK TO THE BEACH

The friends reunited for 1987's *Back to the Beach*, a sequel that Frankie was instrumental in getting off the ground. In it, their grown characters grapple with middle age, marriage and teenage children of their own.

During production, Annette didn't let on that she had been diagnosed with MS, but her husband, Glen Holt, confided in Frankie as they set out on a live performance tour. "I never said anything to her, but I knew she was suffering and in pain. She was such a trouper, and we had a good time doing the shows together," said Frankie of his friend, who passed away in 2013. "I miss her dearly."

—Reporting by Susan Hornik

PIERCE BROSNAN

5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ME

AS THE ACTOR TURNS 70, HE OPENS UP ABOUT LOVE, LIFE AND HIS GREATEST PASSIONS

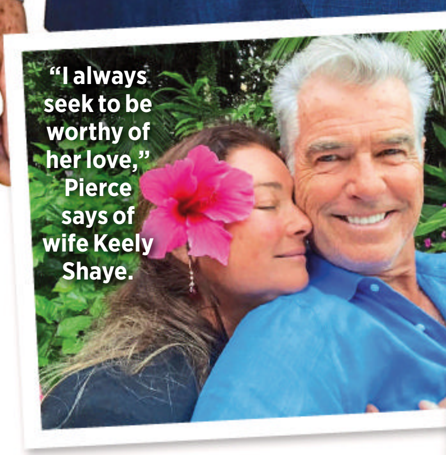
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE AN ARTIST At age 16, Pierce left school "with nothing but a cardboard folder of drawings and paintings," he says. "I managed to get a job, and I wanted to be a graphic artist. But I discovered acting three years into working and that was it, the tide turned." Since then, painting has become his side gig. "I always set up a studio when I go on location," he says.

I LOVE THE OCEAN "Water has always been a part of my joy and my existence," says Pierce, who grew up on the banks of Ireland's River Boyne. "I have fond memories of the seaside. So when I dropped into America in the 1980s, there was only one place to be — and that was on the coast. LA just didn't hold the same magic for me as the Malibu coastline." These days, Pierce is based in Kauai, Hawaii.

I GOT MARRIED AT A FORMER *REMINGTON STEELE* LOCATION When LA hosted the Olympics in 1984, *Remington Steele* moved its production to Ireland, where they shot at Ashford Castle. "Little did I know that one day I would get married to my darling love Keely Shaye in Ashford Castle… Aug. 4, 2001," says Pierce, who shares two sons with Keely — Paris, 22, and Dylan, 26.

I MEDITATE "I don't get angry. I could get angry — but where would that anger go? There would be no point," reasons the actor, who uses meditation to "quiet the mind."

I'M OK WITH AGING "This is another chapter," says Pierce, who turned 70 on May 16. "My children have grown up, and I'm a grandfather. It's big, beautiful, and I embrace it with open arms."



"I always seek to be worthy of her love," Pierce says of wife Keely Shaye.

"Art saved my life," says Pierce, with one of his paintings.

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MELISSA GILBERT

I'm Getting Better WITH AGE

THE LONGTIME TV STAR HAS FOUND NEW PURPOSE AND A MORE PEACEFUL LIFE OUTSIDE OF HOLLYWOOD

Melissa Gilbert recently posted a photo of her first homemade sourdough boule. "I think I was the only person in the world who didn't learn how to make sourdough bread during lockdown," she joked on social media. "Better late than never!"

The *Little House on the Prairie* alum may not have been perfecting her bread-baking skills during the pandemic, but she was fermenting some new ideas. Her latest project, Modern Prairie, an online shopping and lifestyle platform, seeks to appeal to women over 50 in the homespun spirit of her former TV series. In addition to hand-thrown pottery and bakeware, linens, clothing and hobby kits for sale with a *Little House* aesthetic, there are free virtual crafting and lifestyle events and a link to Melissa's podcast, The Knitty Gritty. "I not only wanted to create a retail space, but we wanted to elevate and promote female entrepreneurs," says Melissa, 58, "and then also create an environment where women can share the things that are going on in their lives at this age. We wanted to create a place where women could talk to other women."

As she closes in on her 60s, Melissa feels calm and serene. She's happy in her marriage to actor Timothy Busfield, 65. Her sons are thriving and she was delighted to welcome her first grandkid in 2021. "Growing older has given me the confidence and permission to discover my authentic self," she shared on her website. "I have become more empowered by embracing it and now understand the importance of slowing down."

After many years in Hollywood, Melissa and Timothy settled in a rural New York State farmhouse, searching for a sweeter, less stressful lifestyle. "Melissa is a realist. She knows better than anyone that roles dry up for actresses of a certain age," says a friend. "She's been concentrating on the internal rather than the external. It's about being healthy, grounded and more spiritual."

Part of her commitment to appreciating the present is embracing her past. She admits her years on *Little House*, which brought wholesome, family-oriented stories to television for nine seasons between 1974 and 1983, have left a big imprint on her. "That *Prairie* legacy is in me," she says. "It represents for me all of the good, important things: community, love, family, acceptance, understanding, compassion and the things we all strive for in life."

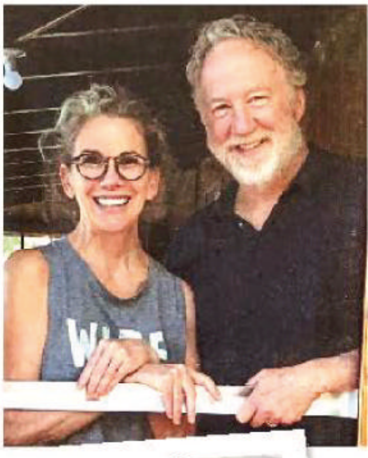
HAPPY TRAILS

Melissa doesn't expect Modern Prairie to rival Gwyneth Paltrow's runaway lifestyle brand Goop, but she's hoping to speak to a segment of women who are often overlooked and underrated. "We want women over 50 to know that we see and hear them and they are not alone," says Melissa, who rejects the notions that older women are only "doddering, sweet old ladies" or "horrible old shrews." "We're so much richer and have so many more accomplishments," she says. "We have earned the right to our opinions." *—Reporting by Rick Equsquiza*

> “Remaining curious is going to keep you young.”
> —*Melissa Gilbert*

HAPPIER TODAY

Melissa believes that every woman has the “spunk and fire” of Laura Ingalls inside her. “I think we all have it and we have a tendency to tamp it down,” she says.



The two-times divorced actress recently celebrated her 10th anniversary with Timothy, whose credits include *Thirty-something* and *The West Wing*. “I knew she was ‘the one,’” he says.

She is a grandmother to Ripley, her son Bo Brinkman’s daughter. She also has several grandchildren through Timothy’s side.

Melissa, who wrote about her move to New York in 2022’s *Back to the Prairie*, also shares her 14-acre spread with a rescue dog named Chicago and a coop full of chickens.

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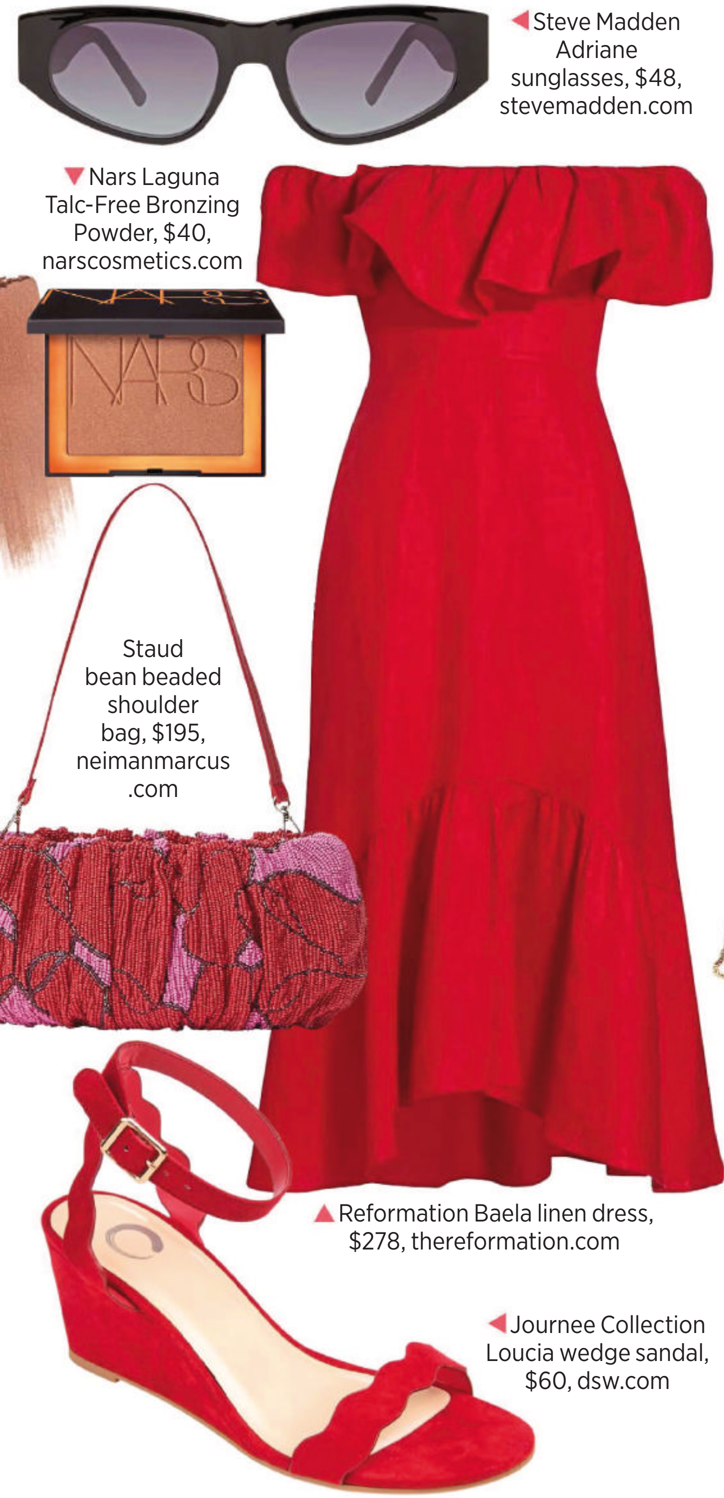

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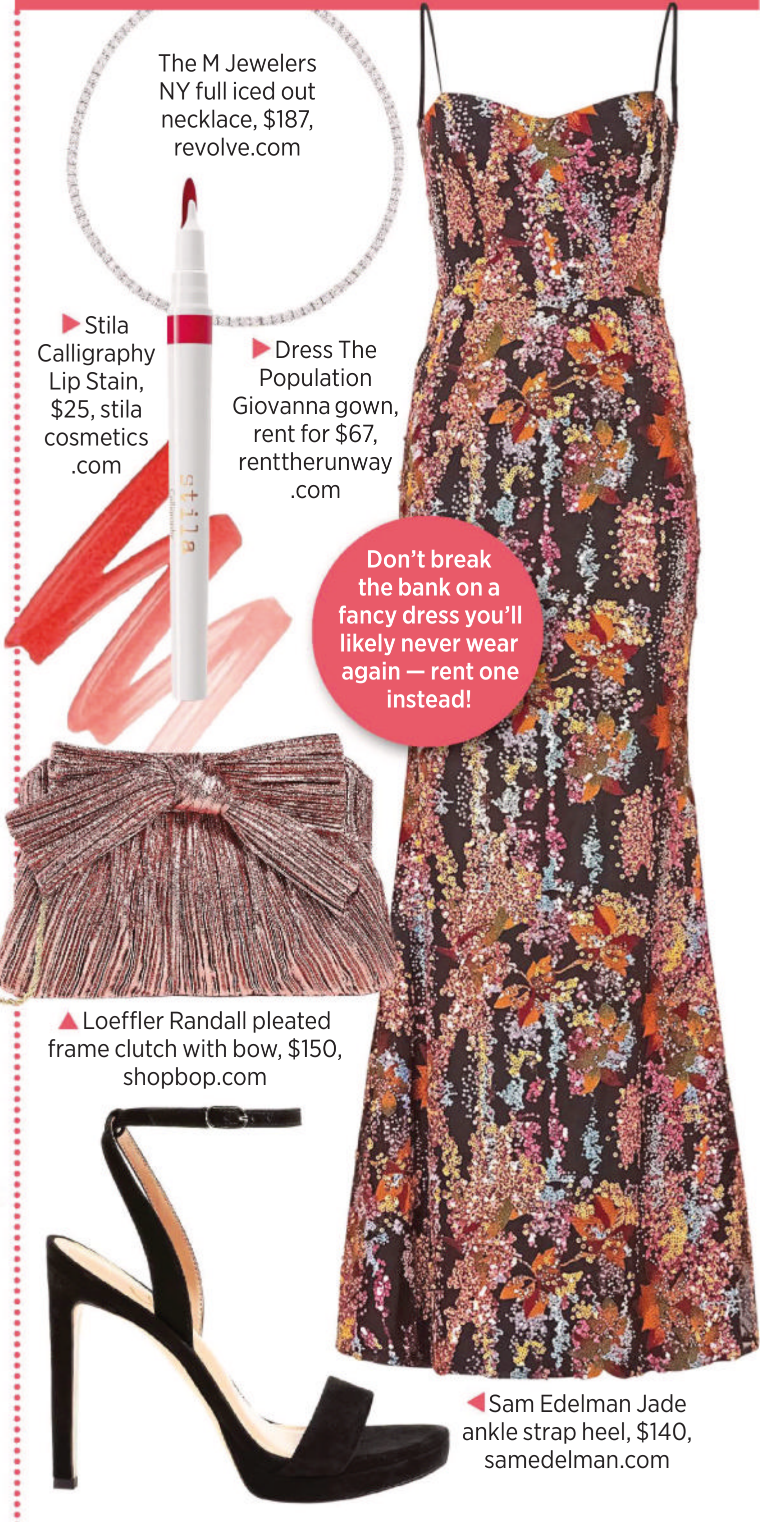

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1 **1982 TWO MINDED** "It was a total fluke that I got that part," said Michelle of her big break in the musical *Grease 2*. "I went [to the audition] on a lark. I wasn't a dancer. I wasn't a singer." Yet the character of Stephanie "was not a huge stretch. She's way sassier than I am, but I have that part of my personality that can come out every now and then."

MICHELLE PFEIFFER

MY LIFE IN 10 Pictures

CONSIDERING HERSELF just a "girl from Orange County who used to check out groceries," Michelle Marie Pfeiffer grew up in Santa Ana, Calif., never thinking "I was attractive, because I was a tomboy," she says. "If anybody ever needed someone to be beaten up, they would come and get me to do it." Yet once she fell into acting, she'd eventually have to fight to be noticed for being more than just a pretty face — going from beauty pageant queen and playing TV bombshells to establishing a wide-ranging and varied career that stretches from *Married to the Mob* to *The Age of Innocence*, *Dark Shadows* and *Mother!*. Through it all, Michelle, who turned 65 on April 29, followed one simple rule — even in her role as mother to children Claudia and John, and as wife to producer David E. Kelley, with whom she celebrates a 30th anniversary this year: "I jump in feet first, and then I realize what I've gotten myself into, but I refuse, *refuse*, to allow myself to sink."

> "You can have it all, but you can't do it all."
>
> *—Michelle Pfeiffer*

2 **1983 BRAVE FACE** “I can tell you that I was terrified,” she’d admit about starring in *Scarface*. “It was a six-month shoot. [And] Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and I were really the only females. It was a boys’ club. And it was also the nature of the relationship for [Al Pacino’s] Tony Montana to be very dismissive of my character. So I would go to sleep some nights crying.”

3 **1988 LOVE AND LOSS** With the film *Dangerous Liaisons*, Michelle got her first Oscar nod…and a loss of privacy for which she wasn’t too prepared. “You just have to cope and separate yourself from it and protect yourself as best you can. I can’t ignore it. It bothers me.” But, she shared, “I love the process of acting. I must, to put up with all the craziness surrounding it.”

4 **1989 LIFE STYLE** “Susie is so brave. She doesn’t apologize for who she is,” said Michelle of her role in *The Fabulous Baker Boys*. “She’s brutally honest about herself and others. She lives her life truthfully and really celebrates life. I’d like to be more like her…I tend to take the safe route with my personal life.”

5 **1992 CAT’S MEOW?** While Michelle had been “obsessed with Catwoman since I was a little girl,” her turn in *Batman Returns* was a thrill but not exactly *purr*-fect. “It was the most uncomfortable costume I’ve ever been in. They had to powder me down, help me inside and vacuum pack the suit!”

6 **1995 ACT ON** For Michelle, it was fitting she’d play a teacher in *Dangerous Minds*, as acting became an option in life after one of her own teachers told her, “‘I think you have some talent.’ She had planted a seed. I honestly don’t know, if she hadn’t said that to me, if I would have become an actress.”

7 **2007 HAIR YOU ARE** For the musical *Hairspray*, Michelle was “excited” about the prospect of singing and dancing again. But her role as the over-the-top Velma Von Tussle didn’t strike a chord at first. “It’s not really my comfort zone. I always kind of shy away from that, and I have to be really encouraged to go there, but then of course I’m out of control and you have to dial me back.”

8 **2017 NO LIES** While busy raising her two kids, Michelle admitted roles à la TV’s *The Wizard of Lies* (with Robert De Niro) became few and far between. “I’ve never lost my love for acting. But I was pretty careful about where I shot, how long I was away, whether or not it worked out with the kids’ schedule. I got so picky that I was unhirable.”

9 **2022 NOT FOR REAL** “I’m never doing it again,” she’d say of playing real-life figures following her portrayal of Betty Ford in TV’s *The First Lady*. “It’s very, very weighty. You just want to honor the person that you’re playing and you want to be as authentic as possible, knowing that there will be times where you’re not and you can’t.”

10 **2023 MARVEL AT** “I’m in Marvel world, who would have thought?” quipped Michelle, who finds starring alongside Michael Douglas in a pic such as *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania* just super. “The kinds of roles you’re offered change as you get older, and in many ways, they’re a lot more interesting now.”

FLASHBACK

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Merle Oberon

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Maria Menounos

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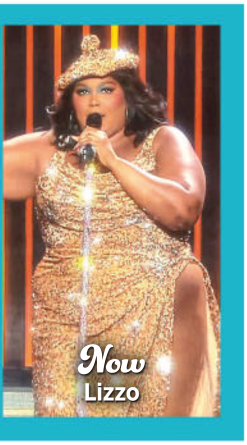
1932
Myrna Loy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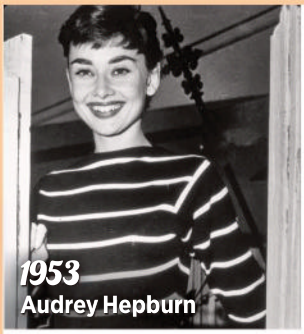
1953
Audrey Hepburn

Now
Mandy Moore

Classic Stripes

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1934
Shirley Temple

Now
Chris Pratt

Perfect Dolls

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By S.A. Nickerson, Health Correspondent

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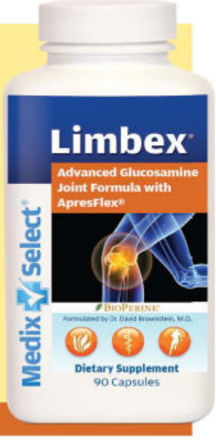
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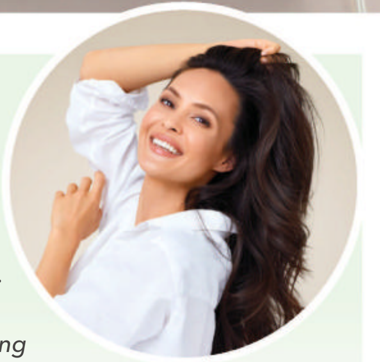

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